

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART IB OF THE PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS

Monday 29 May 2000

9 to 12

Paper 2

ETHICS

*Answer **four** questions only.*

- 1 'Moore's argument against the naturalistic fallacy rests on the false premise that there are no unobvious analytic truths.' Discuss.
- 2 Is there anything to be said in favour of an emotivist theory of moral judgement?
- 3 Is there a defensible form of egoism?
- 4 Discuss the differences among act-, rule-, and motive utilitarianism.
- 5 Is there one basic moral justification for rights?
- 6 Discuss the role of deterrence in the justification of a system of punishment.
- 7 Is there any reason to think that moral values are subjective?
- 8 Does the right to punish depend on the right to threaten?
- 9 Can one derive an 'ought' from an 'is'?
- 10 We often think we have special obligations to our friends and family. Can utilitarianism support this claim?

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