

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Monday 30 May 2011

09.00 to 12.00

Paper 2

ETHICS

*Answer **three** questions only.*

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering an either/or question, indicate the letter as well.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 Page Answer Book x 1

Rough Work Pad

**You may not start to read the questions
printed on the subsequent pages of this
question paper until instructed that you
may do so by the Invigilator**

- 1 Can you use the words 'morally wrong' without expressing emotion? What does your answer show about the nature of moral judgement?
- 2 Can values be deduced from facts?
- 3 Explain the difference between descriptive and normative egoism. Does the former lend any support to the latter?
- 4 **Either** (a) Is it possible to be an amoralist?
Or (b) Is there any rational argument by which we could convince the amoralist to become more moral?
- 5 **Either** (a) 'Where there is no duty holder there is no right.' Comment.
Or (b) Do all rights protect interests?
- 6 Is consequentialism compatible with the existence of inviolable rights? If so, how? If not, why not?
- 7 What does utilitarianism demand of individuals? Is it too much?
- 8 Can punishment be justified purely on retributive grounds?
- 9 Can the question of the 'general justifying aim' of punishment be coherently distinguished from the question of the 'just distribution' of punishment?
- 10 Do you know what is good for you?

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