

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

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Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2013

09.00 – 12.00

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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. What is the best argument against rational egoism? Does it work?
2. 'We can't know what the future will be like, so consequentialism is either false or pointless.' Discuss.
3. Does rule consequentialism collapse into act consequentialism? If not, why not? If so, so what?
4. Do I have a right to act against my own best interests?
5. Can there be rights in the absence of the power either to claim or to enforce those rights?
6. Are we always motivated by self-interest? Does that matter for morality?
7. EITHER: What role, if any, does retribution play in the justification for punishment?  
  
OR: Should justifications for punishment be forward or backward looking?
8. Could I judge that murder is wrong without disapproving of murder?
9. Is there such a thing as moral knowledge?
10. Does moral disagreement presuppose objectivity?

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