

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

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Monday 24 May 2010

09.00 to 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 Expound and assess Moore's Open Question argument.
- 2 'I am right to approve of something only if it is worthy of approval; being worthy of approval is therefore not merely a matter of my approval.' Discuss.
- 3 If there are no objective values, is everything permitted?
- 4 What does it mean to say that all human action is selfish? Is it true?
- 5 Can one justify morality to the immoralist? Does the success or failure of such a justification tell us anything about morality?
- 6 What is the strongest argument against indirect consequentialism? Is it convincing?
- 7 **Either** (a) 'There are no moral rights.' Discuss.  
**Or** (b) Is it sensible for moral philosophers to be more concerned about rights than about duties?
- 8 Is utilitarianism a utopian doctrine?
- 9 **Either** (a) Can a theory of punishment successfully incorporate both forward-looking and backward-looking elements?  
**Or** (b) Critically assess the claim that punishment consists in the expression of censure.
- 10 Do our desires determine our real interests?

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