

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Monday 26th May 2014

09.00 – 12.00

Paper 2

ETHICS AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

*Answer **three** questions only.*

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering the 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 an emotivist give a plausible account of ethical agreement?
2. How do you know what it is wrong to do?
3. Can one think it right to give to charity while never doing so in any circumstances? What, if anything, does your answer show about the nature of ethical judgement?
4. 'It is impossible to fit values into the world described by natural science.' Discuss.
5. 'Every act is egoistic, because everyone acts on his or her own desires.' Is that right? Are there other reasons for believing in psychological egoism?
6. Is there a way of deriving the demands of morality from reason?
7. What best explains the thought that we should not push one person under a trolley to save five? Is it true?
8. Is it ever right to abandon a firm moral intuition because it conflicts with a moral theory?
9. Can there be rights without corresponding duties?
10. EITHER (a) What is the most plausible account of political obligation?
OR (b) What is the most defensible form of anarchism?

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