

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

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Monday 23 May 2016

09.00 – 12.00

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Paper 2

ETHICS AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

*Answer **three** questions only.*

*Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.*

**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 satisfactory account of moral argument?
2. Is there anything about ethics that makes it more subjective than science?
3. Can we draw any conclusions from neuroscience or psychology about what we ought to do?
4. Can we help being egoists?
5. What is the strongest objection to rule-consequentialism? Is it successful?
6. Is it objectionably paradoxical to claim that it is wrong to kill someone to prevent two other people from being killed?
7. Which considerations should guide a social-contract theorist's conception of the state of nature?
8. Can alternatives to social-contract theory give a satisfactory account of political obligation?
9. How should we decide which conception of equality of opportunity to adopt?
10. 'Affirmative action policies are objectionable because they come at the expense of recognition of merit.' Discuss.

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