

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB**

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Thursday 29 May 2003

9 to 12

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Paper 3

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.*

**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 Are harmful acts made less bad by the absence of any intention to do harm?
- 2 In what sense, if any, can facts be reasons for action?
- 3 Are all moral claims made relative to some implicit agreement?
- 4 **Either** (a) Is there a morally significant difference between suicide and voluntary euthanasia?  
**Or** (b) Is euthanasia without request ever morally permissible?
- 5 **Either** (a) What is the so-called 'Humean Theory of Motivation'?  
**Or** (b) Does Hume deny that practical reason exists?
- 6 Is Hume better described as a virtue ethicist, or a utilitarian, or neither?
- 7 In what sense, if any, is a person responsible for his or her ethical character?
- 8 'Some actions are rational but immoral, others are irrational but moral.' Discuss.
- 9 If reasons are causes, what follows about our responsibility for our actions?
- 10 Does morality require us to be impartial?

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