

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Friday 2 JUNE 2006

9 to 12

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.

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 **Either** (a) ‘A judgement must be universalisable in order to count as moral.’ Discuss.
- Or** (b) Is impartiality reducible to universalisability?
- 2 Is moral character a dangerous fiction?
- 3 Is Hume’s answer to the sensible knave ineffectual?
- 4 **Either** (a) ‘If moral judgements are beliefs about an objective matter of fact, they cannot motivate those who make them.’ Discuss.
- Or** (b) ‘A has a reason to Φ if and only if A has some desire the satisfaction of which will be served by his Φ -ing.’ Discuss.
- 5 Is there an interesting relationship between the concept of virtue and the concept of a reason for action?
- 6 What role does the assumption of a uniform human nature play in Hume’s moral theory?
- 7 If I foresee that you will be misled by what I say, am I as bad as a liar?
- 8 Is suicide ever a duty?
- 9 Is letting die ever as bad as killing?
- 10 ‘A moral relativist cannot coherently criticize other cultures.’ Discuss.

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