

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Tuesday 26 May 2009

09.00 to 12.00

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 'Although we may not be metaphysically responsible for ourselves, we are still morally responsible for ourselves.' Discuss.
- 2 In what sense, if any, does voluntary action require the existence of acceptable alternatives?
- 3 Is letting die ever as bad as killing? If so, so what?
- 4 Is there a defensible formulation of the Doctrine of Double Effect?
- 5 Are there any universal moral principles?
- 6 Is ethical partiality an incoherent notion?
- 7 Is it always irrational to act contrary to reason?
- 8 **Either** (a) In what sense, if any, can reason give rise to a motive?
Or (b) What, if anything, is artificial about an artificial virtue?
- 9 'The claim that moral claims can only be made relative to a given society is either trivially true or obviously false.' Discuss.
- 10 **Either** (a) Is there a defensible form of non-voluntary euthanasia?
Or (b) Is there a right to die?

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