

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Monday 31 May 2004

1.30 to 4.30

Paper 3

ETHICS

Answer **three** questions only.

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

**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 To what extent, if any, do reasons for actions depend on current desires?
- 2 'Causing harm by foresight is morally equivalent to causing harm by intent.'
Discuss.
- 3 What is the structure of Hume's account of justice?
- 4 Is Hume's reply to the Sensible Knave satisfactory?
- 5 What grounds, if any, are there for thinking that suicide is immoral?
- 6 'If particularism is true, we cannot learn how to apply moral terms. Therefore,
particularism is false.' Discuss.
- 7 'It doesn't matter if morality is relative, provided that it is relative to something
admirable.' Discuss.
- 8 Is impartiality always a virtue?
- 9 Is there a morally relevant difference between omitting to act and acting? If so,
what is it? If not, why not, and would this radically overhaul our moral
understandings?
- 10 Can agents be morally appraised for their actions if they could not have acted
differently than they have?

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