

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

TUESDAY 29 May 2018

09.00 – 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. How useful are thought experiments in thinking about what duties we owe to distant needy strangers?
2. 'When we are faced with a choice between saving the lives of the greater number or the smaller number, the question is not *whether* we should save the greater number, but *why*.' Is this right?
3. EITHER (a) Does consent need to be communicated in order to create a moral permission?

OR (b) Setting aside threats of physical violence, can verbal pressure invalidate consent?
4. What more is there to a promise than a simple statement of intention?
5. 'You wrong another person by performing an action if they could not reasonably consent to this action.' Is this right?
6. Are there any good arguments for voluntarism?
7. Are moral facts more like mathematical facts or aesthetic facts?
8. 'Since morals have an influence on the actions and affections, it follows, that they cannot be derived from reason.' Does it?
9. What makes a disposition a vice? Does it follow that the vices include rudeness?
10. 'If people's reasons for action depend on their desires, then people without at least some desire to be good have no reason to be good. So, people's reasons for action don't depend on their desires.' Is this a good argument?

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