Sample questions for Part II, Paper 3 Ethics.

1. Is quantitative hedonism untenable because there is no defensible way of measuring pleasure and pain?

2. “We should reject a desire-satisfaction account of the good because there are reasons for and against us having certain desires.” Discuss.

3. “An egoist cannot defend exclusively pursuing her happiness on the grounds that it is good, because from the point of view of the universe another person’s happiness is just as good as hers.” Discuss.

4. Is morality a useful fiction?

5. EITHER (a) In what way, if at all, are moral facts causally efficacious?

   OR

   (b) If moral facts aren’t causally efficacious, then how can we know what we morally ought to do?