

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Monday 6 June 2005

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 Do we have reason to do what we desire to do?
- 2 Will my acting morally make life better for me?
- 3 **Either** (a) What is the best argument for a moral error theory? Does this argument work?
Or (b) 'If we accept a moral error theory, we should stop making moral judgements. But we cannot stop making moral judgements. Therefore, we should not accept a moral error theory.' Discuss.
- 4 What role, if any, do needs have in a theory of well-being?
- 5 What advantage, if any, does quasi-realism have over realism in ethical theory?
- 6 What is the best argument for the permissibility of abortion? Does it work?
- 7 **Either** (a) 'An organisation cannot be morally responsible for its actions, since it makes no moral judgements.' Discuss.
Or (b) Why should corporations be socially responsible?
- 8 Should genetic engineering be available on request?
- 9 **Either** (a) Can any form of the Categorical Imperative justify substantive moral principles?
Or (b) Is it important to act out of rather than merely in accordance with duty?
- 10 What is trust? Under what conditions, if any, can a corporate body be trusted?

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