

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Thursday 5th June 2014

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. 'Meeting needs doesn't contribute to well-being unless they are the right sort of needs.' Discuss.
2. Is it rational to weigh future goods and present goods differently?
3. 'Ethical realism cannot be supported by drawing an analogy between ethics and mathematics, since there is nothing in ethics corresponding to proof.' Discuss.
4. Defend the quasi-realist's claim that some ethical judgements are both true and expressions of attitude.
5. Does the right to life include the right to be provided with what one needs for continued life? What implications, if any, does your answer have for abortion?
6. Do incentives for health amount to coercive offers?
7. EITHER (a) Why should a corporation care about its social responsibilities?
OR (b) Is it coherent to be angry at a corporation?
8. EITHER (a) 'Trust is good. Control is better.' Discuss.
OR (b) What is the ethical significance of trust?
9. EITHER (a) We must act 'under the idea of freedom' according to Kant. What does this claim mean, and what is its significance?
OR (b) 'Suicide amounts to treating one's own humanity as a mere means rather than an end. It is therefore impermissible.' Discuss.
10. When does an action have moral worth?

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