

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Monday 29 May 2006

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 **Either** (a) ‘Moral facts are natural facts.’ Discuss.
 Or (b) Is objectivity a possible property of a moral claim?
- 2 **Either** (a) What is the role of pleasure in a good life?
 Or (b) ‘Since well-being is what is good *for* a person, it cannot consist of objective goods a person does not value or desire.’ Discuss.
- 3 ‘Even if the foetus is a person with a right to life, abortion can still be permissible.’ Discuss.
- 4 If we could reliably prevent the conception of seriously disabled people, would we have an obligation to do so?
- 5 **Either** (a) Are corporations moral persons? Why does it matter?
 Or (b) Is the one and only social responsibility of business to increase its profits?
- 6 Is the market approach to the distribution of healthcare defensible?
- 7 Does prudence require that we be neutral about the temporal location of valuable and disvaluable things in our lives?
- 8 **Either** (a) What, if anything, is wrong with acting heteronomously?
 Or (b) What is ‘self-legislation,’ and why might it be ethically important?
- 9 Does the Categorical Imperative require uniform action that takes no account of the diversity of cases and circumstances?
- 10 ‘Since organisations are like machines, we can rely on them but cannot trust them.’ Discuss.

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