PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS     Part II

Wednesday 30 May 2007          09.00 to 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.
What makes someone's life go best?

Either (a) What is the ethical significance of the claim that someone needs something?
Or (b) What is the ethical significance of the claim that someone prefers something?

What, if anything, could make a moral judgement true or false?

Is ethical quasi-realism self-undermining?

What is the best argument for the permissibility of abortion? Does the argument work?

Is ageism inegalitarian? Is it unfair?

Are the different formulations of Kant's Categorical Imperative equivalent? If not, so what?

Either (a) What role, if any, do consequences play within Kantian ethics?
Or (b) What is Kant’s conception of moral worth? Is it defensible?

Is it in the nature of trust to be evidence-resistant? If so, can trust ever be well placed?

Either (a) What kind of mental life, if any, can an organization possess?
What is the ethical significance of your answer?
Or (b) 'A corporation can no more be socially responsible than a building.' Do you agree?