PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS     Part II

Tuesday 27 May 2008 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*

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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.
Either (a) Is pleasure necessary for a good life?
Or  (b)  Is virtue necessary for a good life?

2 Are needs merely strong desires?

3 Could moral facts be natural facts?

4 What is the best argument against expressivism in ethics? Does it work?

5 What significance does the metaphysics of persons have for the morality of abortion?

6 Either (a) Can someone be harmed by coming to exist?
Or  (b)  Does genetic engineering confer any obligations?

7 'The question whether corporations are moral agents is irrelevant to claims about corporate social responsibility'. Discuss.

8 Does it make sense to speak of trusting an organisation?

9 Either (a) 'It matters that action accord with duty, but it is of no importance whether it is done out of duty.' Discuss.
Or  (b)  'I ought never to act except in such a way that I could also will that my maxim should become a universal law.' Why?

10 Is respect for persons just a matter of not treating them as mere means?

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