PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS  Part II

Thursday 27 May 2010  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
1. ‘If there are no moral reasons, then there are no reasons for belief. Yet there are reasons for belief. So moral reasons exist.’ Discuss.

2. Either (a) Is ‘Corporate Social Responsibility’ an oxymoron? Or (b) In what sense, if any, can we be said to trust organisations?

3. Is it unjust for insurance companies to make use of genetic test results in setting premiums?

4. Do desires provide reasons for action?

5. ‘Quasi-realism wins the metaethical debate because it can account for both the objectivity and the practicality of morality.’ Discuss.

6. Should the state reduce health inequalities, and could it do that while avoiding the charge that it would be acting paternalistically?

7. Either (a) How are moral and prudential value related? Or (b) Why should I care about my future?

8. In what sense, if any, could morality be based on a mistake?

9. Are Kant's formulations of the categorical imperative equivalent? Does it matter?

10. ‘A free will and a will under moral laws are one and the same.’ (KANT) Discuss.

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