

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

12:00 noon BST Tuesday 15 June 2021 –
12:00 noon BST Wednesday 16 June 2021

Paper 3

ETHICS

Answer **three** questions only

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering the either/or question, indicate the letter as well.

*For each question do not write more than **2000** words.*

1. EITHER: (A) 'We always ought to do what is best. So there are no "supererogatory" actions.' Discuss.

OR: (B) Are there limits to the duty of beneficence?
2. How many people may we inconvenience in order to save a life?
3. If no one expects me to keep my promise, am I permitted to break it?
4. What must a person know in order for their consent to be valid?
5. 'Virtue depends on character. But there is no such thing as character. So there is no such thing as virtue. So virtue ethics is doomed.' Discuss.
6. Is virtue the way to happiness?
7. 'I can't do the right thing unless I want to do it.' Discuss.
8. Why be moral? Discuss, drawing on one or more early modern author(s) of your choice.
9. Is something good because God wills it, or does God will it because it is good? Discuss, drawing on one or more early modern author(s) of your choice.
10. 'Moral knowledge depends on feeling, not reason.' Discuss, drawing on one or more early modern author(s) of your choice.

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