

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS, PART IA (PHT0/2)

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Monday 30 May 2022

10am-3pm

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Paper 2

ETHICS & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

*Answer **three** questions only.*

*Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.  
For each question do not write more than **2000** words.*

1. 'Moral facts are too "queer" to exist. So, moral language must be purely expressive.' Discuss.
2. Does Moore's 'open question argument' succeed in refuting all forms of ethical naturalism?
3. 'It is better from a consequentialist point of view if no one believes in consequentialism.' Discuss.
4. Can deontological theories account for why I may not have a duty to an axe-murderer to reveal the location of his intended victim?
5. Is virtue ethics answering the same questions as its apparent rivals?
6. Could empirical psychology show that humans are necessarily selfish?
7. 'The ultimate problem with wickedness is that it's stupid.' Discuss.
8. 'There is no real equality of opportunity without equality of outcome.' Isn't there?
9. 'Meritocracy is no fairer than nepotism. After all, we do nothing to deserve either our talents or our families.' Discuss.
10. Is *a posteriori* anarchism truly a form of anarchism?
11. 'We should not gain from the cooperative labours of others without doing our fair share.' Is any version of this principle salvageable?

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