

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

12:00 noon BST Friday 4 June 2021 –
12:00 noon BST Saturday 5 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 an either/or question, indicate the letter as well.

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

1. Do non-human animals have moral status? If so, what grounds it?
2. 'It is not possible to avoid anthropocentrism in environmental ethics.'
Discuss.
3. Should we prioritise the needs of future generations over the needs of the currently worst-off?
4. 'Scientific concepts aim to represent reality; moral concepts don't.'
Discuss
5. Should we give any weight to moral testimony?
6. Is it ever permissible to lie? Choosing at least one of Kant's formulations of the categorical imperative, explain why, or why not.
7. EITHER: (a) 'If I enjoy helping my friend, I'm not acting from duty alone, so my action has no moral worth.' Is this the right way to understand Kant?

OR: (b) 'Someone who breaks the moral law is not free.' Is this true, according to Kant?
8. Can we decide to trust? What does this tell us about the nature of trust?
9. EITHER: (a) Could there be forms of epistemic injustice that are neither testimonial nor hermeneutical?

OR: (b) When we perpetrate an epistemic injustice, in what sense can we be said to be culpable? And are we always culpable when we do so?
10. 'It seems that an agent can be morally praiseworthy even though he is determined to perform the action he performs. But an agent cannot be morally blameworthy if he is determined to perform the action he performs. Determination, then, is compatible with an agent's responsibility for a good action, but incompatible with an agent's responsibility for a bad action.' Discuss.

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