

## PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS, PART IB

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Tuesday 6 June 2023

All DAY

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Paper 3

ETHICS

Answer **two** 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. EITHER: (a) Why is consent morally important, if it is?  
OR: (b) In the complex world we live in, can we expect people to be informed enough to give meaningful informed consent?
2. In a society without an explicit practice of promising, could one still make a promise?
3. 'Virtue theory gives us no straightforward advice on what to do in any given situation, so it is useless as a theory of normative ethics.' Is this a fair challenge?
4. Is virtue theory fatally undermined by the thought that there are many different ways in which a human being might flourish?
5. 'Internalism about reasons may represent a sad truth about people we just have to learn to live with.' Discuss.
6. 'If you believe it's the right thing to do, you'll be motivated to do it.' Discuss.
7. Can a contractualist give a successful argument for why you should save the larger group, rather than the smaller?
8. EITHER: (a) Is contractualism compatible with the idea that there are supererogatory actions?  
OR: (b) Is utilitarianism compatible with the idea that there are supererogatory actions?
9. Is morality like mathematics? Answer drawing on AT LEAST ONE Early Modern philosopher.
10. Why ground morality on such a narrow basis as human sentiment? Answer drawing on AT LEAST ONE Early Modern philosopher.

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