

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

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Monday 29 May 2006

9 to 12

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Paper 2

ETHICS

Answer **three** questions only.

*Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer.*

**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 How, if at all, does an ethical disagreement differ from a clash of tastes?
- 2 Are ethical judgements necessary or contingent? What is the source of their modal status?
- 3 ‘Ethical intuition is a bad solution to an unreal problem.’ Discuss.
- 4 Do agents necessarily have reasons to care about others? If so, what are they?
- 5 What is the best argument for utilitarianism? Does it work?
- 6 ‘Moral principles are useful rules of thumb.’ Discuss.
- 7 Could an all-powerful ruler have rights?
- 8 Is there any viable alternative to hedonism as an account of happiness?
- 9 In what ways might objective values be queer? Is queerness a good reason for denying their existence?
- 10 Should punishment be based solely on desert?

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