

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART IB OF THE PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS**

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Monday 28 May 2001

9 to 12

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Paper 2

ETHICS

*Answer **four** 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.*

**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 Are ethical judgements objective?
- 2 'One cannot derive an "ought" from an "is".' Discuss.
- 3 'A person who recognises X to be good must *ipso facto* acquire a stronger tendency to act in its favour than he or she would otherwise have had.' Discuss.
- 4 Is the amoralist guilty of any form of inconsistency?
- 5 Does rule-utilitarianism have any real advantages over act-utilitarianism?
- 6 Must a utilitarian assume that if I act on utilitarianism, I will be happy?
- 7 Are all rights grounded in human interests?
- 8 Are there any natural rights?
- 9 **Either** (a) 'The only justification for punishment is the deterrence of future wrongdoing.' Discuss.  
**Or** (b) Does a criminal deserve to be punished?
- 10 Is altruism possible?

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