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PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Monday 26 May 2003

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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 the 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 **Either** (*a*) Does Mill's proof of utilitarianism work?
 - **Or** (b) What is the strongest argument against utilitarianism? Does it work?
- 2 Is rule-consequentialism incoherent?
- 3 Do newborn infants have rights?
- 4 In what sense, if any, should a moral theory be rights-based?
- 5 Is it possible to make a true moral judgement?
- 6 Does the institution of promising generate moral facts?
- 7 'If emotivism is true, we cannot argue about morality.' Discuss.
- 8 To what extent can we offer arguments to rational egoists to persuade them to become more altruistic?
- 9 Can a theory of punishment coherently combine both retributivist and utilitarian elements?
- 10 To what extent can punishment be understood as a communicative act?

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