

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA**

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Monday 24 May 2004

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Paper 2

ETHICS

*Answer **four** questions only.*

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

**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 Can punishment be justified by its communicative function?
- 2 Should a theory of punishment be backward-looking?
- 3 'All human action is ultimately egoistic. Morality is therefore impossible.' Discuss.
- 4 Are all rights waivable?
- 5 Is act-consequentialism compatible with the existence of rights?
- 6 What is the strongest argument against the existence of moral facts? Does it work?
- 7 Is there a naturalistic definition of 'good'? What are the consequences for the nature of morality?
- 8 Is there any real difference between act-consequentialism and rule-consequentialism?
- 9 Would accepting consequentialism undermine our integrity? If so, is that really a problem for consequentialism?
- 10 'Ethical statements are just expressions of the speaker's emotions.' Discuss.

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