

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IA

Monday 25 May 2009

09.00 to 12.00

Paper 2

ETHICS

Answer **three** 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.

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 In what sense of rationality, if any, could we rationally reject the demands of morality?
- 2 Can motive utilitarianism solve the problems of act utilitarianism and rule utilitarianism?
- 3 **Either** (a) Do children have rights?
Or (b) Is there a natural right to freedom?
- 4 If wicked promises generated obligations, could we show that we can derive an 'ought' from an 'is'?
- 5 What role, if any, do different forward-looking considerations play in justifying punishment?
- 6 How similar are goodness and yellowness?
- 7 'The sense of "egoism" in which we are all ultimately egoistic is irrelevant for moral philosophy.' Discuss.
- 8 Can one right be traded against another?
- 9 'When I think that torturing innocent babies is cruel, I am not thinking about my own mind.' Discuss.
- 10 Is it a strong objection against utilitarianism that it rests on a monistic theory of the good?

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