PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Wednesday 1 June 2005

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Paper 3

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

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- 1 Are moral judgements true relative to a social agreement?
- 2 'If all actions are determined in advance, moral blame is unjust and moral praise undeserved.' Discuss.
- 3 Is instrumental reason enough for ethics?
- Is the distinction between an outcome that is intended and one that is merely foreseen of moral significance?
- 5 'If something is a reason for me to perform an action, it must be a reason for anyone else in the same circumstances to perform the same action.' Discuss.
- 6 Are there any external reasons for action? If not, does this matter?
- 7 Are the distinct offices of reason and taste easily ascertained?
- 8 Is there a convincing argument against the permissibility of voluntary euthanasia?
- What is the difference between doing something voluntarily, and doing it willingly?
- Was Hume right to hold that justice is an artificial virtue?

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