

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Tuesday 27 May 2008

09.00 to 12.00

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**

- 1 'Responsible agents are those whose actions are within the control of their wills and whose wills are within the control of their selves.' Discuss.
- 2 Does coercion exclude moral responsibility?
- 3 Is there a morally significant difference between letting die with intent and letting die by mere foresight?
- 4 Must it be possible for an agent's reasons to explain her actions?
- 5 What is the best argument for externalism? Does it work?
- 6 'The rationality of moral thought and judgment in no way depends on a suitable provision of moral principles.' Discuss.
- 7 'Moral relativism works if it's relative to the right thing.' Discuss.
- 8 Under what circumstances, if any, is suicide morally justified?
- 9 What is the point of Hume's comparison between justice and an arch?
- 10 Is the distinction between moral virtue and personal merit merely verbal?

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