

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Tuesday 25 May 2010

09.00 to 12.00

Paper 3

ETHICS

Answer **three** questions only.

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering an 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 'Although murdering your enemies is impermissible in our society, it was perfectly permissible in ancient times.' Discuss.
- 2 Does moral impartiality threaten human integrity and fulfillment?
- 3 'The slippery slope argument is the only plausible argument against euthanasia, but it only establishes the latter's legal, rather than moral, impermissibility.' Discuss.
- 4 Is letting die always morally superior to killing?
- 5 **Either** (a) 'Your money or your life.' Discuss.
Or (b) What difference, if any, is there between the relevance of coercion and addiction for moral responsibility?
- 6 Are we responsible for radically re-evaluating our characters? Are we responsible for not doing so?
- 7 **Either** (a) What, if anything, makes it permissible to kill one innocent person in order to save a greater number of persons?
Or (b) Can a wrong act be turned into a right act by the agent of the action forming a different intention?
- 8 'The possibility of moral thought and judgement does not depend on the provision of a suitable supply of moral principles.' Discuss.
- 9 What is the most defensible argument for moral relativism?
- 10 'Reason is, and ought only to be, the slave of the passions.' Discuss.

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