

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Tuesday 28th May 2013

13.30 – 16.30

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. EITHER: a) 'There is no interesting link between freedom and blameworthiness.' Discuss.

OR: b) In what sense, if any, does voluntariness depend on the existence of acceptable alternatives?
2. Does moral responsibility presuppose the ability to have done otherwise?
3. EITHER: a) Is there a morally significant distinction between killing and letting die?

OR: b) Can the intention behind an action make an otherwise permissible action impermissible? If so, how? If not, why not?
4. EITHER: a) Does the existence of moral conflict between cultures support the claim that the truth of moral claims is culturally relative?

OR: b) 'Liberalism for the liberals. Cannibalism for the cannibals.' Discuss.
5. 'An agent has a reason to F just in case she would desire herself to F if she were fully rational.' Discuss.
6. In what sense did Hume think that reason was a slave of the passions? Was he right?
7. 'Partiality towards one's friends is permissible just in case it is justifiable on impartial grounds.' Discuss.
8. 'If it is permissible to F, then F-ing is universalizable.' Discuss.
9. Is suicide always morally permissible?
10. 'Death is the end of all experience. So it cannot be bad.' Discuss.

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