## PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Tuesday 26 May 2015

09.00 - 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. 'The good cannot consist in virtue because we need to explain virtue in terms of bringing about the good.' Discuss.
- 2. 'The rules of common-sense morality are unacceptably imprecise, while utilitarianism offers precision. Therefore, considerations of precision are powerful reasons to accept utilitarianism.' Discuss.
- 3. EITHER (a) Should you plug into the Experience Machine?
  OR (b) Is the money-pump objection to incomparability decisive?
- 4. 'Torturing the innocent for fun is wrong. So the moral error theory is false.' Discuss.
- 5. How important are capabilities for assessing well-being?
- 6. How, if at all, can our moral obligations be explained by our desires?
- 7. 'So act that you use humanity, whether in your own person or in the person of any other, always at the same time as an end, never merely as a means' (KANT). Discuss.
- 8. Kant claims that a free will and a will under moral laws are 'one and the same'. Is he right?
- 9. EITHER (a) What is the difference between trust and reliance?
  - OR (b) What is the correct account of trust?
- 10. 'Implicit biases concerning the testimony of others are sometimes epistemically blameworthy, but never morally blameworthy.' Discuss.

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