## PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB

Tuesday 28 May 2002

9 to 12

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.

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 Is a good sense of humour a moral virtue?
- 2 **Either** (a) Does the Doctrine of Double Effect solve the Trolley Problem?
  - **Or** (b) Is there a morally significant difference between doing harm and merely allowing harm to come about?
- 3 **Either** (a) 'Reasons are facts on which agents can act.' Discuss.
  - **Or** (b) What is the best argument for the existence of external reasons? Does it work?
- 4 When are we obliged to be impartial?
- 5 Is non-voluntary euthanasia ever morally permissible?
- 6 Are there any morally defensible criteria for eugenic choice?
- 7 Can Aristotle defend the claim that the person who has no bad appetites is morally superior to one who feels but overcomes them?
- 8 Is it helpful, in assessing the moral status of an action, to ask the question, 'What if everyone did that?'
- 9 Am I responsible for anything apart from my voluntary choices?
- Are there any acts we should never perform, whatever the circumstances?

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