

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Wednesday 30 May 2007

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 What makes someone's life go best?
- 2 **Either** (a) What is the ethical significance of the claim that someone needs something?
Or (b) What is the ethical significance of the claim that someone prefers something?
- 3 What, if anything, could make a moral judgement true or false?
- 4 Is ethical quasi-realism self-undermining?
- 5 What is the best argument for the permissibility of abortion? Does the argument work?
- 6 Is ageism inegalitarian? Is it unfair?
- 7 Are the different formulations of Kant's Categorical Imperative equivalent? If not, so what?
- 8 **Either** (a) What role, if any, do consequences play within Kantian ethics?
Or (b) What is Kant's conception of moral worth? Is it defensible?
- 9 Is it in the nature of trust to be evidence-resistant? If so, can trust ever be well placed?
- 10 **Either** (a) What kind of mental life, if any, can an organization possess? What is the ethical significance of your answer?
Or (b) 'A corporation can no more be socially responsible than a building.' Do you agree?

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