

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Tuesday 27 May 2008

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 **Either** (*a*) Is pleasure necessary for a good life?
 Or (*b*) Is virtue necessary for a good life?
- 2 Are needs merely strong desires?
- 3 Could moral facts be natural facts?
- 4 What is the best argument against expressivism in ethics? Does it work?
- 5 What significance does the metaphysics of persons have for the morality of abortion?
- 6 **Either** (*a*) Can someone be harmed by coming to exist?
 Or (*b*) Does genetic engineering confer any obligations?
- 7 'The question whether corporations are moral agents is irrelevant to claims about corporate social responsibility'. Discuss.
- 8 Does it make sense to speak of trusting an organisation?
- 9 **Either** (*a*) 'It matters that action accord with duty, but it is of no importance whether it is done out of duty.' Discuss.
 Or (*b*) 'I ought never to act except in such a way that I could also will that my maxim should become a universal law.' Why?
- 10 Is respect for persons just a matter of not treating them as mere means?

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