

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Monday 25 May 2009

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 Is there a defensible mental state account of personal well-being?
- 2 **Either** (a) Does being immoral make a person's life go worse?
Or (b) Should I care about my future interest as much as I care about my immediate interest?
- 3 Is there an interesting analogy between the claim that stealing is wrong and the claim that Sherlock Holmes is a detective?
- 4 Do evaluative facts figure in the explanation of evaluative beliefs?
- 5 What does a moral judgement express?
- 6 Can any formulation of Kant's categorical imperative be refuted by its application to particular cases?
- 7 **Either** (a) Is heteronomy of the will the source of all spurious principles of morality?
Or (b) Is Kant right to say that we cannot act otherwise than under the idea of freedom? If so, so what?
- 8 **Either** (a) Does the idea of corporate manslaughter rest on a mistake?
Or (b) In what sense is trustworthiness a matter of reliability?
- 9 **Either** (a) 'All permissible genetic engineering is a form of enhancement.' Discuss.
Or (b) Does the state have a duty to help everyone live a healthy life?
- 10 'Whether or not a woman has a moral obligation to continue her pregnancy depends on how responsible she is for being pregnant in the first place.' Discuss.

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