

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Thursday 30th May 2013

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. EITHER: a) Is it rational to care less about our future than our present selves?

OR: b) Do preferences give us a plausible measure of value?
2. What is the significance of functionings for personal well-being?
3. Does ethical expressivism have a plausible account of representation? Does it need one?
4. EITHER: a) In what ways, if any, are moral judgements like colour judgements with respect to their truth conditions?

OR: b) 'Our moral judgements are premised on the existence of a kind of reality that isn't there.' Discuss.
5. EITHER: a) 'The pursuit of human perfection – whether through pre- or post- conception methods – is an important moral goal.' Discuss.

OR: b) When, if ever, is paternalism justified in the context of mental healthcare?
6. To what extent, if any, does the permissibility of abortion depend on whether or not the foetus is a person?
7. Is there an interesting connection between failures of trust and a sense of betrayal?
8. Are corporations moral agents?
9. EITHER: a) Should a Kantian think that assisted suicide is morally permissible?

OR: b) 'All forms of extra-marital sex violate the categorical imperative.' Discuss.
10. Does Kant have a plausible account of transcendental freedom?

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