

PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part II

Friday 31 May 2019

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 × 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. Does ethical discourse have ontological commitments?
2. 'Evolutionary forces have played a large role in shaping the content of human evaluative attitudes.' Assuming this is true, how should it change how we think about ethics?
3. 'Value is either an attribute or a relation. If it is a relation, then nothing is intrinsically valuable. Some things are intrinsically valuable. Therefore, value is an attribute.' Is this a good argument?
4. 'Some things are good for people even if they neither want nor enjoy them.' Is a good objection to this view that it is paternalistic?
5. Does it matter whether moral understanding is different from moral knowledge?
6. What reasons do we have to trust?
7. 'Blame is only appropriate where a relationship has been impaired.' Discuss.
8. EITHER: (a) 'You can tell that the Categorical Imperative is false by looking at the specific moral duties that Kant deduces from it.' Discuss.
OR: (b) Are Kant's formulations of the Categorical Imperative equivalent?
9. 'A free will and a will under moral laws are one and the same' (KANT). Discuss.
10. How plausible is Kant's account of the moral worth of an action?

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