

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

MA PHILOSOPHY  
for Internal Students

ETHICS

Tuesday 14th September 1999  
10.00 – 13.00

Answer THREE questions

1. What consequence does the existence of moral dilemmas have for moral theories?
2. In what sense, if any, are moral claims either true or false?
3. “Moral principles are essentially guidance as to what best serves human good and minimizes human harm” Discuss.
4. Would the arguments for and against the moral acceptability of abortion be settled if we could decide whether a foetus was a person?
5. Does the fact that different social systems weigh moral value differently constitute any evidence against the objectivity of morality?
6. Does the wrongness of some course of action give me a reason not to embark on it?
7. What role, if any, should the concept of virtue play in moral theory?
8. Assess Mill's attempt to provide a utilitarian rationale for the ascription of moral rights.
9. Are moral requirements categorical imperatives?
10. Is any interesting version of moral realism supported by an analogy between values and secondary qualities?
11. Is utilitarianism inevitably an impossibly demanding moral theory?
12. Are moral facts ever required for the explanation of something we can observe?

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