

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
M PHIL EXAMINATIONS 2005
for internal students

ETHICS

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following questions. Please avoid overlap in your answers.

1. Explain what it is for a reason to be universalizable. Are moral reasons always universalizable?
2. When, if ever, is it just to go to war?
3. 'I cannot be blamed for failing to act on reasons I don't share.' Discuss.
4. 'When someone has moral knowledge they have a kind of perceptual knowledge.' Explain and assess this view.
5. Can there be genuine moral dilemmas?
6. 'A key strength of indirect consequentialism is that it can accommodate our non-consequentialist moral psychology.' Explain and assess this claim.
7. 'The concept of obligation is eliminable in any satisfactory account of morality.' Discuss.
8. Is a person morally responsible for what they have done only if they could have done otherwise?
9. Are we under a moral obligation to be virtuous?
10. 'It is true that people should conform to moral standards; not because to fail to do so is to be unreasonable, but because to fail to do so is to be bad.' Discuss.
11. Is lying to others ever morally wrong?
12. How far, if at all, is morality a matter of convention?
13. 'There can be no rational point to morality unless moral actions aim at the good.' Discuss.

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