

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

**M.Phil. EXAMINATION**  
for Internal Students

**PHILOSOPHY**

**Ethics**

Wednesday, 9 May 2007: 10.00 – 13.00

Candidates should answer **THREE** of the following **FOURTEEN** questions, avoiding overlap in their answers, also between papers.

1. What is the 'Trolley Problem', and has it got a solution?
2. Are rule consequentialist principles the only moral principles whose universal acceptance everyone could rationally will?
3. Is it plausible to claim that one is immune from moral bad luck whenever one acts in accordance with duty but that one loses this immunity when one acts in a manner that is contrary to duty?
4. Is there such a thing as a rational decision procedure for acting morally; and what would follow for morality if there were not?
5. How far does it matter to morality whether people are ever free to act otherwise?
6. Is Scanlon's restriction of his contractualist account of wrongness to the claims of individuals a great virtue of it, or its Achilles heel?
7. What is it to forgive someone, and under what conditions is forgiveness justified?
8. What is it for a normative standard to count as a reason?
9. How far does someone's moral character depend on what they have actually done or failed to do?
10. Is moral virtue a form of talent?
11. What, if anything, is morally admirable about following one's conscience?
12. Is it foolish deliberately to act other than in a way that maximises expected good; and if it were foolish, would it follow that it is wrong?
13. How far is morality a matter of convention?
14. How far should moral philosophy's aim be the increase of moral knowledge?

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