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ASSESSMENT TEST: Semester 2, 2005-2006
STUDY UNIT: PHI 1002 Ethics
DATE: Saturday 27th May
TIME: 9.15 - 12.15

(Ethics) happiness; love, law, long
Aristotle eudaimonic

(2) Kant's Ethics.

(3) Sanctity of life

Please remember to write your:
Name and surname
and question number
on each foolscap.

Section A: Ethics I

1. What is happiness? Is it the fulfilment of love, fidelity to laws or the maximization of human communication?
2. In the *Nicomachean Ethics* Aristotle claims that the book is not a study to know what goodness is, but how to become good. Discuss.
3. Do birth and death reveal man's ultimate aim?

Section B: Ethics II

4. "Virtues are dispositions not only to act in a particular way, but also to feel in a particular way. To act virtuously is not, as Kant was later on to think, to act against inclination: it is to act from inclination formed by the cultivation of the virtues." (A. MacIntyre, *After Virtue*, Notre Dame, University of Notre Dame, 1984, p. 149). Discuss.
5. Discuss how Aristotle's eudaimonism differs from classical utilitarianism.
6. It is claimed that Aquinas's moral theory cannot be understood without Aristotle's philosophy. Do you agree? Give reasons.

Section C: Ethics III

7. The field of ethics is a contested one with different philosophers theorising differently about the right and the good. Take any **one** particular theory covered in the course and discuss it **critically** against other theories.
8. Discuss the view predominant today that morality is a matter of respecting the rights of others against the view that it should be about the practice of virtue instead.