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MAY/JUNE 2009 SESSION EXAMINATIONS

PHI 1102 Ethics I&II

Date: Thursday 28th May 2009

Time: 13.00 – 15.00

Please remember to write your name and surname as well as the question number on each foolscap.

Answer two questions, one from each section.

Section A

1. Which definition of the word 'good' in moral contexts (objectivist, subjectivist, functionalist) do you find convincing? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Aristotle claims that everyone wants to be happy. What is happiness? Is it the fulfilment of love, fidelity to law or the maximization of communication?
3. "Human action is not just a movement; it involves reason, desire, intention, freedom and responsibility." Discuss.

Section B

4. What do we mean when we say that Aristotle and Aquinas' approach to ethics is 'teleological'? Illustrate your answer with examples.
5. Show how the Enlightenment and Pietism influenced Kant's deontological ethics.
6. "Utilitarianism is a combination of two principles: (i) the consequentialist principle and (ii) the hedonistic principle." Discuss.