

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

EXAMINATION FOR THE ORDINARY DEGREE OF BA

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5704 PHILOSOPHY IB: MORALITY, SOCIETY & THE INDIVIDUAL

TIME: TWO HOURS

[In addition, candidates are allowed TEN minutes before the examination begins, to read the paper.]

**ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS,
ONE FROM SECTION ONE AND ONE FROM SECTION TWO.**

ANSWER EACH QUESTION ON A SEPARATE PAGE

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SECTION ONE

- 1 Is it plausible to suppose that kin and reciprocal altruism form the basis of our moral behaviour?.
- 2 “To the extent that our morals are in our genes, we should be sceptical of them”. What is the reasoning behind this claim? Do you agree? Defend your answer.
- 3 Do we assume determinism? Is determinism a well-supported hypothesis? Also briefly indicate how such questions are related to the issue of free-will.
- 4 Outline, very briefly, the three competing theories on the issue of free-will and determinism. Then elaborate on one of these theories and assess its merit.

SECTION TWO

- 1 What is the central principle which Mill argues for in his ‘On Liberty’? How does he argue for it? Assess this principle.
- 2 Should the State ever try to justify a law on the ground that it will deter people from harming themselves?
- 3 Describe Norman’s views on the concept of freedom, indicating in your discussion the sort of view he is opposed to. Which view is the more plausible one?
- 4 Discuss the issue of social (rather than legal) equality.

END OF EXAMINATION QUESTIONS