

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

**EXAMINATION FOR THE ORDINARY DEGREE OF BA**

**November 2000**

**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, EACH FROM A DIFFERENT SECTION OF THE PAPER.**

*ANSWER EACH QUESTION ON A SEPARATE PAGE*

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### **SECTION ONE**

- 1 Consider whether the claim that everything is determined is true; or, at least, true enough in regard to occurrences like everyday actions and events. Could one legitimately answer 'yes' to the above question without some consideration of human choice?
- 2 Discuss the view that freedom and determinism are compatible.
- 3 What is the libertarian position? Is there a defensible version of libertarianism?

### **SECTION TWO**

- 4 What is the central principle Mill argues for in 'On Liberty'? Give some indication of how he supports it. Do you think Mill is right on the issue of paternalism?
- 5 What is meant by positive and negative liberty? What does Richard Norman take to be the fundamental sense of 'freedom'? What sort of conditions does he think are necessary for its achievement? Does he think that the attempts by the State to lessen inequalities will lessen the degree of freedom in the State?
- 6 Discuss the notion of political community giving considerable attention to the debate between liberals and communitarians.

### **SECTION THREE**

- 7 What in general terms do evolutionary psychologists claim about the nature of the human mind? Do you think evolutionary psychology can provide an *explanation* or our moral behaviour? Defend your answer.
- 8 What in general terms do evolutionary psychologists claim about the nature of the human mind? Do you think evolutionary psychology is relevant to the *justification* of our ethical principles? defend your answer.

END OF EXAMINATION QUESTIONS