

Ethics Exam.

When answering your questions, take your time to read them carefully, and to plan your answer before writing.

Keep in mind the word count for each question. The exam is closed-book and should take up to 120 minutes to conclude.

Good luck!

Part 1. Ethical concepts (6/20)

What is the difference between Plato’s and Aristotle’s conceptions of virtue?

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Explain the concept of Natural Law. Additionally, name 1 feature of Natural Law according to Aquinas.

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Briefly describe the two principles that govern morality according to Adam Smith.

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What are the three defining features of Utilitarianism?

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Distinguish hypothetical imperatives from categorical ones according to Kant.

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What is the main criticism posed by Amartya Sen to Rawls' theory?

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Explain two of the four of Satz's principles to define an ethical limit to a market.

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Briefly describe the two circles of the doughnut.

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Can corporations be held morally accountable? Explain using Friedman's perspective.

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Part 2. Essay question (6/20)

Choose **one of the questions we discussed in class (see list below)** in our group presentations - keep in mind that you **cannot** choose the question you and your group worked on during the semester.

Write a short essay (up to 700 words) in which you make your case and justify your position. Ensure that all the arguments, responses to potential counter-arguments, and examples you use contribute directly to your point. You may use any relevant authors and insights namely those from class discussion

- Question #1: Are humans naturally evil?
- Question #2: Are there any actions that are always wrong?
- Question #3: Is moral judgment grounded on emotion?
- Question #4: Is redistribution of wealth morally permissible?
- Question #5: Does working for an unethical company corrupt an individual worker?

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Part 3. Applied Ethics (8/20)

For part 3, we ask you to imagine you are the manager of a hospital in Lisbon, and you have to negotiate a deal with the manager of a large pharmaceutical company. The deal is highly competitive and sealing the deal is critical for your hospital since you have been struggling to keep open. The deal is being worked out over dinner. After dinner, the manager of the pharmaceutical company offered to drop you at the hotel in his car. On the way to the hotel, he happens to hit a motorcycle injuring the motorcyclist badly. You know the manager was driving fast and thus lost control. The law enforcement officer comes to investigate the issue and you are the sole eyewitness to it. Knowing the strict laws pertaining to road accidents you are aware that your honest account of the incident would lead to the prosecution of the manager and as a consequence the deal is likely to be jeopardized, which could lead to the hospital being forced to severely cut costs and dramatically reduce the number of patients it can treat.

Now it's time for a decision. What would you do in this situation?

In your answer, briefly describe and explain the ethical aspects and problems that may be at stake in this situation. Clarify the ethical concepts and theories you use in your answer as much as possible. considering what we discussed in class.

Your answer should have a maximum of 1000 words. You will not be assessed according to the position you choose. Only the following will be considered:

- analytical capacity - being able to recognize the ethical aspects and implications of the situation and decision.
- clarity and rigour of the concepts and explanations.
- validity and strength of arguments.

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