

PHI2397B Midterm Exam (Fall 2012)  
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For the multiple choice questions, circle only the one best answer for each question.

No other paper, books, or electronic devices allowed.

Each question is worth 2 marks. The exam is worth 40 marks total.

You have 90 minutes to complete the exam.

**Answers must be circled/written in blue or black pen**

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1. What term is associated with Aristotle's moral theory?

- a) Golden Mean**   b) Golden Calf   c) Golden Rule   d) Golden Balls

2. According to Kant, what two qualities do humans possess that makes them moral beings?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Reason (or rationality or logic) and Free Will (of freedom or good will)**

3. What three things does Epicurus say is all that is required for a happy life?

- a) Friends, Enough money to meet your basic needs, and Power  
b) Enough money to meet your basic needs, Freedom, and Power  
c) Power, Love, and Enough money to meet your basic needs

**d) Enough money to meet your basic needs, Friends, and Freedom**

- e) Freedom, Friends, and lots and lots and lots of Money

4. Which of the following is non-normative?

- a) Ethical Egoism    b) **Psychological Egoism**    c) Utilitarianism    d)

Normalism

5. What does '*eudemonia*' mean?

- a) You like money    b) **Human flourishing**    c) Where is Mona?    d) Duty

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6. What are Plato's/Socrates' four chief virtues?

- a) Wisdom, Temperance, Charity, Justice  
 b) Justice, Temperance, Fortitude, Ambition  
 c) Fortitude, Wisdom, Justice, Friendship

**d) Wisdom, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude**

7. Why does John Rawls argue that "The principles for justice [should be] chosen behind a veil of ignorance"?

**\_\_\_A just society can only be formed under the most just conditions. The veil of ignorance (or babies in heaven) argument says this can only be accomplished if we imagine a scenario where we get to create a world but not get to choose our role within it.**

8. According to Kant, what two moral rules are categorical imperatives?

a) **Act so as to treat people as ends, never as means AND treat all personal maxims as universal laws.**

b) Act so as to treat people as means, never as ends AND treat all personal maxims as universal laws.

c) Act so as to create the greatest good for the greatest number AND treat all personal maxims as universal laws.

d) Act so as to treat people as ends, never as means AND Act so as to create the greatest good for the greatest number.

9. Which person invented the term “the selfish gene”?

a) Aristotle   b) Rachels   c) Mill   d) Hume   e) **Dawkins**   f) Rand   g)

Darwin

10. According to Utilitarian philosophers, what is the greatest good?

a) Money   b) Sex   c) Love   d) **Happiness**   e) Freedom   f) Charity   g)

Luck

11. According to J. S. Mill, “Human beings have faculties more elevated than the animal appetites and, when once made conscious of them, do not regard anything as happiness which does not include their gratification.” What main point is he making?

**\_\_Qualities of pleasures are at least if not more important than quantity of pleasures. (It is better to be an unhappy human than a happy pig).**

12. According to William Shaw, what 3 ethical theories are unable to establish a universal standard for morals?

a) Naturalism, Egoism, Virtue Ethics

**b) Intuitionism, Naturalism, Emotivism**

c) Consequentialism, Intuitionism, Egoism

d) Divine Command Theory, Emotivism, Naturalism

e) Intuitionism, Emotivism, Egoism

13. In Plato’s dialogue, *The Euthyphro*, what is Euthyphro’s occupation?

a) Philosopher   b) Soldier   c) Carpenter   e) Money-Lender   f) **Priest**

14. Who says that reason is necessary for religious faith?

a) Bentham   b) **Ibn Rushd**   c) Hume   d) Sumner   e) Nozick   f) Dawkins

15. In the “Myth of Gyges” what magical thing illustrates human selfishness?

- a) **An invisibility ring**   b) A wand   c) The fountain of youth   d) A flying horse

16. What is the main reason why Robert Nozick argues against the equal distribution of goods?

**a) It violates peoples’ right of entitlement**

- b) It makes people become too dependent upon others  
 c) It supports the end justifies the means  
 d) It makes taxes too high

17. According to William Sumner, “World philosophy, life policy, right, rights, and morality are all products of the folkways.” What main point is he making here?

**\_\_\_Morality/Ethics is relative. Those philosophers who think otherwise have forgotten the culture specific basis of philosophy itself.**

18. Which philosopher is credited with discovering the is/ought fallacy?

- a) **Hume**   b) Butler   c) Plato   d) Aristotle   e) Dawkins   f) Mill   g) Bentham

19. In the movie “Can Rules Define Morality”, what scientist influenced Kant to develop deductive principles of morality?

- a) Einstein   b) **Newton**   c) Hawking   d) Dawkins   e) Darwin   f) Aristotle

20. Why does Bentham believe that animals share the same moral status as people?

a) They are both God's creatures

**b) They both act from the pain/pleasure principle**

c) They both have the ability to reason

d) They both have families to look after

21. BONUS QUESTION: How much can a Sari cost?

**1000 Pounds or \$1500 Canadian Dollars or 75000 Rupees**