

Ethics Practice Test 2.0 Fall 2005 Dr. LaBossiere

Directions: Read each question carefully and mark the best answer choice on the answer sheet. Please do not mark on this test sheet.

I True/False (1 point each)

- T F 1. A moral theory that fails to take into account the limitations of moral agents is defective because it presents unrealistic expectations.
- T F 2. Virtue theory is primarily concerned with assessing the consequences of actions.
- T F 3. Aristotle claims that the supreme good is something final.
- T F 4. Aristotle claims that every rational activity aims at some end or good.
- T F 5. According to Confucius, each person should develop goodness to achieve jen (virtue).
- T F 6. Confucius argued that true political and moral power rested in military force.
- T F 7. According to Aristotle, ethics is analogous to navigation and medicine in that exact and specific rules are not possible.
- T F 8. According to Aquinas, the first precept of law is that good is to be done and pursued and evil is to be avoided.
- T F 9. According to Aquinas, evil is a lack.
- T F 10. One problem with divine command theory is that it makes the claim "God is good" either absurd or circular.
- T F 11. The gist of the Euthyphro problem is that God cannot exist because He cannot be good.
- T F 12. One objection against utilitarianism is that it seems to permit terrible things provided their utility outweighs their disutility.
- T F 13. According to Hobbes, right consists in liberty to do or forbear while law determines and binds.
- T F 14. According to Hobbes, liberty is the absence of external impediments.
- T F 15. Mill claims that devotion to God is the highest and greatest good.
- T F 16. One appeal of deontology is that it provides guides for action in the form of rules.

II Multiple Choice (1 point each)

17. Moral theories are regarded as useful because
- They enhance our understanding of ethics.
 - They can be used to provide an ethical system that serves as a framework for moral principles.
 - They enable a more focused and systematic approach to ethics.
 - All of the above.
18. A potential problem with virtue theory is that
- Virtue theorists tend to be rather vague about the virtues.
 - Virtue theorists tend to put too much emphasis on maximizing pleasure.
 - Virtue theorists tend to focus too much on moral rules.
 - All of the above.
19. Which of the following claims would Aristotle accept?
- Nature is a collection of processes that aim at fulfilling various ends.
 - All natural beings, such as trees and water, consciously and knowingly aim at their ends.
 - Nature is a system that is ultimately governed by chance.
 - All of the above.
20. Aristotle claims that mean in the field of fear and confidence is
- Rashness.
 - Cowardice.
 - Anger.
 - Bravery.
21. According to Aristotle, virtue
- Avoids excess.
 - Avoids deficiency.
 - Aims at the mean.
 - All of the above.
22. According to Confucius, the virtues include
- Knowledge.
 - Magnanimity.
 - Energy.
 - All of the above.
23. According to Confucius, the gentleman
- Is faithful to his superiors.
 - Keeps his promises.
 - Refuses the friendship of those who are not like him.
 - All of the above.

24. Which of the following claims would Aristotle accept as true?
- A. Ethics is a body of objective knowledge.
 - B. Ethics is a science of conduct whose aim is to guide us to human excellence.
 - C. Ethics is not an exact science.
 - D. All of the above.
25. According to Aquinas
- A. Man has an inclination to good in accordance with the nature he has in common with all substances.
 - B. Man has an inclination to good according to the nature of his reason which is proper to him.
 - C. Man has a natural inclination to know the truth about God and to live in Society.
 - D. All of the above.
26. According to Aquinas, the theological virtues include
- A. Faith.
 - B. Hope.
 - C. Love.
 - D. All of the above.
27. In the context of religion and ethics, the autonomy thesis is that
- A. Morality does not depend on God and hence is independent.
 - B. Autonomy is what people desire; religion impedes this, so religion is evil.
 - C. God can arbitrarily will anything to be moral or immoral because he is autonomous of morality.
 - D. None of the above.
28. According to Biblical morality, which of the following is morally acceptable?
- A. Religious freedom.
 - B. Working on the Sabbath.
 - C. Cheating on a test.
 - D. None of the above.
29. According to critics of utilitarianism, which of the following would be morally permissible on utilitarian grounds?
- A. Turning an innocent person over to a mob to prevent a bloody riot.
 - B. Allowing a minority to be exploited for the benefit of the majority.
 - C. Framing an innocent person for a crime to allay public fears.
 - D. All of the above.
30. Ethical egoism is the theory that
- A. People always act in their own self interest.
 - B. People should act to maximize their self interest.
 - C. People should think that they are better than everyone else.
 - D. All of the above.
31. Mill claims that first principles
- A. Are easily proven using basic logic.
 - B. Are easily proven using one's senses and some basic logic.
 - C. Cannot be proven in the usual sense.
 - D. None of the above.
32. Which of the following is true of rule deontological theories?
- A. An action is wrong if it violates the correct moral rules.
 - B. An action is right if it conforms to the correct moral rules.
 - C. An action is neutral if it is neither prohibited nor endorsed by the correct moral rules.
 - D. All of the above.

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Part I True/False

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