

Study Guide for Exam 2 Retake

Theories and P.E.E.s and E.E.E.s:

1. State the following three theories of right action: (i) hedonistic act-utilitarianism (AUh), (ii) Kant's categorical imperative (CI), and (iii) Ross's pluralistic theory of moral obligation (RPT). For AUh and CI, be sure to define all related technical terms.
 - Note: For AUh, I would prefer you to offer the short formulation of the theory and then define the technical terms. Still, it is okay if you are more comfortable just going with the longer formulation (it has all of the technical terms packed into it already). Note also that there are two ways to define 'maximize.' You only need to offer one.
 - For CI, you do not need to offer definition D5 and CI' (the shorter form of CI'). Those are optional.
2. You will be asked to present, explain, and evaluate the "change the maxim" argument against Kant's CI. I will not give you the "present" part this time.
3. You will be asked to present, explain, and evaluate the "punish the innocent" objection to AUh.
4. You will also be asked to extract, explain and evaluate an argument against AUh. You will not see the passage from which you must extract until the exam.

Short paragraph questions:

5. Though you will not need to P.E.E. the "Stock Market" argument against CI, I am going to ask you a question based on it.
6. I will describe an act-token and a maxim. You will then be asked to explain why this action would be morally wrong, if CI were true.
 - Recommendation: to get a feel for how Kant's theory is applied to actions, see his four examples on pages 51 and 52 – also, his example on 47 starting with the sentence, "The shortest but most infallible way to find the answer to the question as to..."