

Philosophy 1 - Final Exam Study Guide

Knowledge: Propositional, Moral, and Artistic

Theory of Knowledge

1. What is justified true belief?
2. Who is responsible for showing why justified true belief is not sufficient?
3. What is an empirical proposition?
4. What is empirical knowledge?
5. What is propositional knowledge?

Aristotle - Virtue Theory

1. Why does Aristotle think that Ethics is unique when compared to fields of science?
2. Give an explanation of Telos - what is it and what purpose does it serve for Aristotle?
3. What is the ultimate goal which Aristotle believes humans should strive to achieve?
4. For Aristotle, what is the Golden Mean? What does he mean by "a mean between excess and defect"?
5. How does a person learn to consistently hit the mean? I.E. how does a person learn to be virtuous?

Mill - Consequentialism

1. What is consequentialism?
2. Utility theory is a type of consequentialism - what type of outcomes are valued in utility theory?
3. What does Mill say about Epicureans? Who is he speaking to? In answering this question, you should also be able to explain the two different types of pleasure.
4. How does Mill say we determine which pleasures are greater than others?
5. What are the reasons that someone would prefer a lower level pleasure instead of a higher level pleasure?
6. How can we desire things which aren't synonymous with happiness?

Kant - Deontology

1. What is the difference between a priori and a posteriori?
2. What is deontology?
3. Why does Kant say we must have some guideline or rule for our actions? This should have something to do with how rules of mathematics are absolute.
4. What is the difference between Categorical and Hypothetical Imperatives?
5. What are the three formulations of the Categorical Imperative?

Rawls - Egalitarianism

1. What is an Egalitarian?
2. Who is Rawls speaking to when he brings up "Justice as fairness"? I.E. Who keeps saying they are a fair and just society?
3. What does Rawls liken Justice to? Hint: It's a metaphor
4. What is the Veil of Ignorance?
5. What are some very basic decisions we would make under the Veil?
6. In the Video - Weight of a Nation part 3 - why did they say that inexpensive food isn't actually inexpensive in the long run?
7. In the Video - Weight of a Nation part 3 - what were some reasons that healthy food alternatives could not compete with the snack / soft drink / fast food industry?

Tolstoy - Art as expression

1. According to Tolstoy, what is the purpose of a work of art? I.E. what *should* the relationship between an artist, the artist's work, and an audience look like?