

# Argument Strategy and Analogical Moral Arguments

## Notes Questions

**Grade Type:** Homework

**Due Date:** January 16<sup>th</sup> (A, B, C, D, E)

**Instructions:** The following questions are to be copied into your Philosophy notebook. Leave space (either between each question or at the end of the question list) for answers to be filled in throughout this section of the unit. Be sure to show me your completed copied questions list in class on the specified due date.

1. What is an Analogy?
2. What kind of math problems are Analogies similar to?
3. Give three examples of analogies.
4. What is a symmetric analogy? Give an example and explain why it is a symmetric analogy.
5. What is an asymmetric analogy? Give an example and explain why it is an asymmetric analogy.
6. What is an argument by analogy?
7. What is the form of an argument by analogy?
8. What two things does Peter Singer claim are relevantly similar in the Charity Argument? Why does he think they are relevantly similar?
9. What is the conclusion of the Charity Argument?
10. Describe how the Charity Argument can be expressed as a Modus Ponens argument.
11. Describe how to argue against the conditional premise of an argument by analogy.
12. What is a thought experiment?
13. Describe the case of Fred's Basement.
14. Explain how Alastair Norcross uses the case of Fred's Basement to argue against the moral permissibility of eating meat.
15. What is the "It's not me." difference? How does Norcross respond?
16. What is the "I'm unaware." difference? How does Norcross respond?
17. What is the "Doesn't change anything." difference? How does Norcross respond?
18. What is the "Foreseen not intended." difference? How does Norcross respond?
19. What is the "Different animals." difference? How does Norcross respond?
20. What is the "What we care about." difference? How does Norcross respond?
21. What is Utilitarianism? Explain why Norcross' Utilitarianism suggests that we morally should be vegetarians.
22. Briefly describe what happens in the "Trolley Problem in Real Life" video.
23. What type of problem is the Trolley Problem?
24. Briefly describe Transplant and Switch.

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25. What is the Trolley Problem?
26. Explain the claim that Switch and Transplant are Relevantly Similar.
27. Explain why Must Switch is a counterexample to Rights Matter.
28. Explain why Can't Transplant is a counterexample to Utilitarianism.
29. What is harm?
30. Describe an example of Doing Harm is Worse than Allowing Harm.
31. Explain why the idea of Doing Harm is Worse than Allowing Harm might not help solve the Trolley Problem.
32. What is the difference between intending and foreseeing?
33. Describe an example of Intending Harm is Worse than Foreseeing Harm (Doctrine of Double Effect).
34. Explain why the idea of Intending Harm is Worse than Foreseeing Harm might not help solve the Trolley Problem.
35. Describe an example of Introducing Harm is Worse than Re-Directing Harm
36. What is the "future like ours" argument?
37. What is the "biggest possible family" argument? How is it a response to the "future like ours" argument?
38. What is the point of the acorn/oak tree example in Judith Jarvis Thompson's defense of abortion?
39. What is JJT's overall strategy to defend abortion? What does this have to do with a right to life?
40. What is the "violinist" example? What is it supposed to be relevantly similar to?
41. Does JJT think we are always owed what we need to survive? Why or why not?
42. What is the "trapped in a house" example? What is it supposed to be relevantly similar to? How is this similar to self-defense?
43. What is the "freezing coat" example? What is it supposed to be relevantly similar to?
44. What is the "known risk" example? What is it supposed to be relevantly similar to?
45. What is the "special responsibility" difference? How does JJT respond?
46. Does JJT think abortion is always permissible? Why or why not?