

Utilitarianism, Fairness, Prison, and Friendship

Notes Questions

Grade Type: Homework/Classwork

Due Date: January 15 (homework)

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.

On the **homework** due date, using your iPad, take clear pictures of all your notes questions. In a fresh document in goodnotes, create a single file with all of the pictures in order. Make sure the pictures are large enough so that each answer is clearly readable. Upload this document to the dropbox on Archie.

On the **classwork** due date, repeat the above process which will now include your answers. Upload this document to the same dropbox on Archie.

1. What is consequentialism?
2. How is consequentialism different from deontology? Explain this difference in terms of “the right” and “the good”.
3. What are the two parts of every consequentialist theory?
4. What is the difference between “obligatory”, “permissible”, and “impermissible”.
5. Give common sense examples of actions that fall into these categories.
6. What does it mean for an action to be “supererogatory”?
7. Give common sense examples of actions that fall into this category.
8. What is utilitarianism?
9. What does utilitarianism say about “obligatory”, “permissible”, and “impermissible” actions? What does it say about “supererogatory” actions?
10. Give an example of a consequentialist theory that is NOT utilitarianism.
11. What are some possible definitions of fairness?
12. Give an example of a definition of fairness that explains one intuitive example of fairness but does not explain another intuitive example of fairness.
13. What is Equal Consideration?
14. How could the utilitarian claim that their theory accurately explains the intuition that any theory of morality must be fair (assuming that’s true).

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15. How could someone claim that something can be morally right but unfair?
16. Who was Jeremy Bentham? How were his ideas evidence that utilitarianism emphasized fairness?
17. Analyze utilitarianism in terms of Theoretical Virtues.
18. What is The Pillory?
19. What is shame?
20. What is embarrassment?
21. What is (the feeling of) guilt?
22. What is “Mr. Towner’s Hair Problem”?
23. What is The Panopticon? How is it different from The Pillory?
24. Describe Kohlberg’s Theory of Moral Development.
25. What is Heinz’s Dilemma?
26. Describe how Kohlberg’s Theory of Moral Development can be related to the differences between shame, embarrassment, and guilt.
27. Describe the difference between retributive and rehabilitative theories of punishment.
28. Describe how the Panopticon could be described as rehabilitative punishment assuming Kohlberg’s Theory of Moral Development is true.
29. Describe some worries about the Panopticon and how it is structurally similar to other physical arrangements of human interaction.
30. Describe how the Panopticon is similar/different from Mr. Towner’s quiz desk configuration or other things at school.
31. What is bias? How is bias related to fairness?
32. What are some reasons to think that we treat our friends unfairly?
33. What is Hypothetical Syllogism? Is it valid?
34. Give an example of Hypothetical Syllogism.
35. Express the relationship between Utilitarianism, Equal Consideration, and Friendship using Hypothetical Syllogism.
36. Explain how to argue against Utilitarianism using the moral permissibility of a specific definition of friendship.
37. Explain how to argue against the moral permissibility of a specific definition of friendship using Utilitarianism.
38. Explain how Friendship and Utilitarianism might be expressed as an example of the Stuck Between Theory and Counterexample Problem.