

Question 1

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QUESTION 1

Put the argument from the following passage into **standard form** and construct an **argument map diagram**. There is no need to include unstated premises (assumptions) in your answer.

(17 marks)

Utilitarianism is a more demanding ethical code than any other. For it says that we should always act to bring about the best consequences. So utilitarianism demands that we sacrifice our own interests whenever a greater good can be achieved by doing so, and that is almost always the case.

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QUESTION 2

For each of the following short arguments; (a) say whether the argument is **deductively valid** or **invalid**. Then (b) if you think the argument is **invalid**, explain *why* the argument is invalid. If you think the argument is **valid**, then represent the **logical (generalised) form** of the argument, making sure you indicate what your schematic letters stand for.

(7 marks each, for each a total of 21 marks)

Question 2

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(i) Students will only succeed in their studies if they do sufficient work outside of class. But if students do sufficient work outside class, they will not have time for a part time job. Therefore, no student with a part time job will succeed in their studies.

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Question 3

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(ii) Babies cry when they are hungry and when they are in pain. My baby is crying, so he must be hungry or in pain.

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Question 4

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(iii) If what was shown on television did not affect people's behaviour, then television advertising would never influence viewers to buy a product. But we know that it does. So it cannot be true that television does not affect behaviour.

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QUESTION 3

Put the following argument into standard form and identify at least one **unstated premise (assumption)** that is required by the argument.

(7 marks)

No computer will ever be able to do everything that some human minds can do, for there are some problems that cannot be solved by following any set of mechanically applicable rules. Yet computers can only solve problems by following some set of mechanically applicable rules.

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QUESTION 4

Read the passage below. Comment on whether you accept the claims for which the author, **Kevin Stock**, is cited as an authority. Specifically,

- (a) **identify the main claim(s)** which Kevin Stock's authority is being used to support
- (b) state whether you would **accept the claim(s)** on the source's word and explain your answer

(10 marks)

Over the last several weeks, I've been curious how much I am contributing to global warming by adopting a carnivorous diet. So I dug in, read and researched, and here, report my findings.

There are 2 sides to the equation. There is the carbon we release through emissions like transportation and energy production. Then there is carbon which is taken out of the atmosphere and stored in what are known as carbon sinks. The problem is we're emitting more and more carbon and sequestering less.

By cutting down forest, plowing land, and overgrazing pastures we destroy carbon sinks especially the soils which stores more carbon than all vegetation and the atmosphere combined. Over 2/3rd of the planet's land is desertifying – turning grasslands into desert and destroying soil. When livestock like cattle, sheep, and goats overgraze on plants they leave the soil bare and cause desertification. And this is really the main reason meat has been linked to global warming. Animals destroy the soil.

But this confused me. Just a couple centuries ago, between 30–60 million bison roamed North America – so it should be one big desert – but it isn't. Thanks to a guy named [Alan Savory](#) he figured out the paradox. Grazers like bison protect themselves in the wild by forming herds. A key component of herds is that they keep moving. They trample the soil then move on. This natural phenomenon prevented overgrazing of plants as well as provided good coverage of the soil. As Allan Savory discovered when we mimic nature and herd these grazers, let them trample and then move them along...desertification reverses and grasslands reform and soil health returns. It's estimated that if we use this holistic approach of planned grazing to just half the world's grasslands we can go back to pre-industrial carbon levels, reverse climate change, and feed the world.


So animals are not to blame for climate change, on the contrary they are a vital part in the solution to restoring our carbon sinks and saving us all from a heat death.



















Adapted from *Meat and Global Warming*, written by Dr Kevin Stock, Published on *Medium*, May 2, 2018

Background Information on Dr Kevin Stock:

Dr Kevin Stock is a strict carnivore and self-experimental researcher, passionate about health and fitness. He was the founder, CEO of

both *Muscle Science* and *Meat Health* which provides online health and fitness education including advocating a meat based diet. He is a national level physique competitor. Kevin Stock completed a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) at the UMKC school of dentistry and began his professional career as a Dental Sleep Medicine doctor. He specialised in treating Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) in his private practice. From there he invented the NED Device, an intranasal device designed to treat snoring and OSA.

 Paragraph



(10 marks)

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QUESTION 7

Paragraph 1:

First sentence: Say what the conclusion of the argument is and whether the argument provides a good reason for accepting it.

Second sentence: Say how many major problems/issues you're going to discuss.

Body Paragraph(s): [repeat for each issue you discuss]

First sentence: Say what the problem is.

Next sentence(s): Explain why it is a problem for the argument.

Final sentence(s): Say what would need to be established for the argument to be successful. / Explain how, with minor adjustments this problem can be overcome.

(25 marks)

6/7

The U.S government has clearly been trying to remove corporate support for WikiLeaks. Amazon.com, which was hosting WikiLeaks for a short time, dropped its account when the company received calls from staff of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security: asking “Are there plans to take the site down?” Another company, Tableau, which was providing software for WikiLeaks to visualise the data, was also contacted by congressional staff. They severed their relationship with the site too. Visa, Mastercard and Paypal have all followed suit, banning donations to WikiLeaks.

These political attempts to choke WikiLeaks' funding and foundations are a clear breach of freedom of the press. No matter how new the medium, it is an absolute and fundamental infringement of free speech when a government tries to gag a media outlet it doesn't like.

Adapted from 'The Weight of the Word', by Chris Berg, published in The Age newspaper, December 2010.

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