Monsoon 2024 Applied Ethics Mid-semester Examination

ax. Marks: 30 me: 1.5 hours

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20th September, 2024

Answer any 3 in about 400 - 500 words; keep your answers precise and to the point

3 x 10

Please note that the word limit is only a guideline. You will be evaluated on the basis of the number of points you cover in response to each part of the question and the inferences you draw from these, NOT on the basis of the number of words you have written. Hence, keep your answers precise and to the point, justifying your position wherever necessary.

1. How does virtue ethics account for morality? How are virtue, practical wisdom, and eudaimonia related in Aristotle's virtue ethics. What are the various moral and intellectual virtues according to Aristotle? How are these related?

2. What are the two principles in Kant's ethics. How can they be said to be related to each other? Explain how a Kantian would derive a categorical imperative from a maxim?

What is the trolley problem? Compare and contrast how a (a) utilitarian (b) Kantian (c) virtue ethicist would respond to the trolley problem. Which of these responses are you in agreement with? Provide justification for your response.

Bring out the distinction between good-based theories and right-based theories in ethics.

How is act-utilitarianism different from rule-utilitarianism? Summarize J.J.C Smart's argument against rule-utilitarianism.

What is supererogation, and how do utilitarians address the charge of supererogation?
 Outline any four advantages and limitations of act-utilitarianism.

