

Monsoon 2023  
End-semester Examination  
HS0.203: Basics of Ethics

Max. Marks: 30

Time: 3 hours

*2 hrs 2.*

28<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

Answer any 3 Questions. Be precise and clear in your answers

Word Limit: 300-400 words

3 × 10

1. What is moral responsibility?  
Bring out the differences between the following:  
(a) active and passive responsibility and  
(b) accountability and blameworthiness.  
Briefly summarize the four conditions of blameworthiness.
2. By way of an example of a technological disaster, illustrate how it may be evaluated from the following normative frameworks: (a) utilitarian, (b) Kantian, and (c) virtue ethics.  
Which of these frameworks do you find to be the most ethical? Justify your position.
3. Describe the two principles of Kantian ethics. What role does freedom play in the ethical theory of Kant? By way of an example, illustrate how an ethically permissible act according to utilitarianism might be unethical in the Kantian sense.
4. How does virtue ethics account for morality? Define and explain the following aspects of virtue ethics: (a) virtue (b) eudaimonia (c) practical wisdom.  
How are these three aspects related?
5. Briefly explain utilitarianism as an ethical framework.  
Bring out the difference between act and rule utilitarianism.  
Explain with an example: what limitations of act utilitarianism does rule utilitarianism help address?