End-semester Examination
HS0.303: Applied Ethics

Max Marks: 40
Time: 3 hours

24th November, 2022

Answer any 4 Questions in around 600-800 words each:

4 × 10

1. What is the difference between corrective and distributive justice? What are the problems raised by Posner and Sunstein against each in the context of climate change justice? (CO-1, CO-2)

[handwritten margin notes: because they are richer & they contribute more. their own problems? Rich vs poor? Future or today? money in next words?]

[handwritten notes near Q1: 1. no harm to anyone 2. KanHan maxim 3. not a direct cause of harm 4. 5. Collective responsibility]

2. Enlist and explain any 5 general moral principles invoked by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong to test the moral intuition that one has a moral obligation to not take a pleasure drive in their gas-guzzling car. Are you in agreement with his argument? Explain your position (CO-1, CO-2)

3. Discuss Michael Sandel's argument against genetic engineering. Critically examine the validity of the argument and argue for your position on it. (CO-2, CO-4)

[handwritten notes: Humility; Playing god; do we know; 1. Natural gifts 2. Children as gifts → Hyper parenting]

4. Discuss how engineering ethics can be understood from the perspectives of utilitarianism, Kantian ethics, and virtue ethics. Which of these do you find most suitable and why? (CO-2, CO-4)

5. Enumerate any four moral questions surrounding genetic engineering? Compare the arguments of Michael Sandel and Julian Savulescu and argue for your position on the same (CO-2, CO-3, CO-4)

[handwritten notes: 1. Natural gift 2. Hyper parenting 3. Playing god → Can we? 4. Clone world. Eugenics. 5. The humanness of humans is this random. discrimination bhw change & no change. trying to make stuff equal. Meritocracy vs natural talent.]

6. What is moral responsibility? Distinguish between active and passive responsibility. How are responsibility and accountability related? (CO-1) *[before, after]*

7. What are the four conditions of blameworthiness? Explain if and how these conditions were satisfied in the case of the NASA space shuttle Challenger disaster of 1986. (CO-5)

[handwritten notes: → foreseeability → freedom → wrong-doing → ability to prevent? → causal attribution]