

Monsoon 2024
Basics of Ethics
End-semester Examination

Max. Marks: 30
Time: 1.5 hours

23rd September, 2024

Answer any 3 in about 300 - 400 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. What is moral responsibility? Distinguish between active and passive responsibility. Describe what are the three forms of passive responsibility and the four conditions under which they come about? ✓
2. Outline Robert Nozick's experience machine thought experiment. What is the intention behind the thought experiment? Provide any 4 reasons to NOT plug in to the machine. In the light of these reasons, would you choose to plug in or stay out of the experience machine? *hedonism*
- ✓ 3. How do roles and responsibilities relate to each other? How would a (a) utilitarian (b) Kantian and (c) virtue ethicist respond to a situation where your moral responsibility comes into conflict with your professional responsibility. Illustrate with a real-world example. *AI, Manager*
4. How does virtue ethics work as an ethical framework? What is virtue and how is it acquired according to Aristotle? Describe the intellectual virtues and moral virtues and how the two are related.
- ✓ 5. Distinguish between 'means to an end' and an 'end in itself' with the help of an example of each. Explain how fairness, consistency, and humanity are accounted for in Kantian ethics.