Week 2

1 Consider these three paragraphs. Which ones are arguments?

Paragraph 1: If bullying is wrong, then it's wrong of big brother to bully little brother. Bullying is wrong. So, it's wrong of big brother to bully little brother.

Paragraph 2: It wasn't until after I left my office for lunch that I realized I'd forgotten my umbrella. I thought it would be fine, but then the downpour started. It was one of those days.

Paragraph 3: All planets are round. The object I see through my telescope is round. Thus, the object I see is a planet.

Paragraph 1 & 2

Paragraph 2 & 3

Paragraph 1 & 3

None of the above

- 2 Is this argument deductively valid or invalid?
 - 1. All humans are mortal.
 - 2. Amia Srinivasan is human.

(Conclusion) Therefore, Amia Srinivasan is mortal.

Valid

Invalid

Amia Srinivasan is an Oxford philosopher. With this information, can you tell whether the argument in the previous question is sound?

The argument is not sound.

It is not possible to tell whether the argument is sound.

The argument is sound.

- 4 Is the following argument sound or not?
 - 1. All felines are mammals.
 - 2. All tigers are mammals.

(Conclusion) Therefore, all tigers are felines.

The argument is sound.

The argument is not sound because it is invalid.

The argument is not sound because at least one of the premises is false.

- 5 Is the following argument sound or not?
 - 1. If new-born babies act in ways that are altruistic, we should be altruistic.
 - 2. Experiments show that new-born babies act in ways that are altruistic.
 - **3.** (Conclusion) Therefore, we should be altruistic.

The argument is problematic because it involves contradictory claims.

The argument is problematic because it is missing the point in as much as it confuses what is the case with what ought to/should be the case.

The argument is problematic because it is invalid.

The argument is not problematic.

According to moral relativism, the correct moral position for a person is determined by the society in which they are in. But a person can be simultaneously a member of two different societies that determine two opposing moral positions.

The possibility of such a person poses an external criticism of moral relativism.

The possibility of such a person poses an invalid criticism of moral relativism.

The possibility of such a person poses an immanent criticism of moral relativism.

The possibility of such a person poses is an internal criticism of moral relativism.

- 7 Is the following argument sound or not?
 - 1. Being ethical requires that we think about what we do.
 - 2. But I do not want to think about what I am doing.
 - 3. (Conclusion) Therefore, I do not have to be ethical.

This is not a sound argument.

This is an external criticism of ethics, whether or not it is successful.

This argument misses the point because it confuses ethics with civics.

This is a valid argument, even though its premises are false.

In a speech at the Institute of Policy Studies on 23 Nov 2021, Minister Lawrence Wong stressed that "we cannot [...] deny the rights of a variety of groups to organise themselves, so as to gain recognition for their concerns, or seek to improve their conditions and well-being." And he lists the "concerns and anxieties" of "women," "[p]eople with disabilities," and "LGBTQ persons".

Criticism 1: There are some citizens who believe that women receive more recognition at work compared to men.

Criticism 2: There are some citizens who do not believe that LGBTQ persons have real concerns and anxieties.

Source: https://www.mof.gov.sg/news-publications/speeches/speech-by-minister-for-finance-lawrence-wong-at-ips-rsis-conference-on-new-tribalism-and-identity-politics-on-23-november-2021

Criticism 2 is an external criticism of the minister's statement.

Criticism 1 is an internal criticism of the minister's statement.

Criticism 2 misses the point of the minister's statement about the rights of LGBTQ persons.

Criticism 1 is a circular argument.

9 Why does *S* not know the course information on NTULearn?

Consider the following reasons: S thought that the course information on NTULearn would be what they already knew and thus decided not to prioritise reading it.

Is the reason an individual or structural one?

The reason is structural.

The reason is individual.

10 S has a significant visual impairment but the course information was posted as a non-scannable image.

Is the reason an individual or structural one?

The reason is structural.

The	reason	IS	ın	dı	VIC	m	al.

Week 3

1	What are human rights?				
	Those agreed and adhered to by all human beings.				
	Those benefits granted to any adult person.				
	Those entitlements for those lawfully residing in a given country.				
	Those rights inherent to all human beings.				
2	Which of the following statements best captures Kant's Humanity Principle?				
	Always treat people with humanity.				
	Act only to promote the needs and interests of humanity in general.				
	Always treat rational beings as things that have value in themselves, as opposed to things to b				
	used for your own purposes.				
	Act only in ways that are compatible with all humans acting similarly.				
3	What makes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights so unique?				
	It has inspired more than 80 international conventions and treaties, as well as numerous regional				
	conventions and domestic laws.				
	It has been the catalyst for improving human rights protections for groups such as disabled				
	people, indigenous peoples and women.				
	It was drafted by people from all over the world and sets common standards on human rights				
	protection.				
	All of the above.				
4	The Universal declaration of human rights is applicable to				
	every individual, regardless of religion, race, gender, or cultural background.				
	the citizens of UN member countries.				
	some countries.				
	None of the above.				
5	Which of the following is <u>not</u> considered a human rights violation in relation to human trafficking?				
	The right to life.				
	The right to take part in the government of their country, directly or through freely chosen				
	representatives.				
	The right to liberty and security.				
	The right not to be submitted to slavery, servitude forced labour or bonded labour.				
6	Which is of the following is most true about Aristotle's concept of eudaimonia and living a 'good life'?				
	Living a virtuous life guided by reason leads to eudaimonia.				
	The pursuit of pleasure is the end goal of one's endeavours in life.				
	Wealth, friendships and virtues were important in happiness and leading a good life.				
	Reason and logic are key to happiness and leading a good life.				

Week 4

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) is important because

It highlights and explains what existing civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights mean in situations faced by persons with disabilities.

Persons with disabilities, disability organizations and their allies played an active role in deciding what would be included in the UN CRPD.

All of the above. None of the above. What is a disability? It is when someone has a functional impairment. It is when someone faces stigma and discrimination. It is an impairment combined with barriers in society. It is when someone faces challenges in performing activities. Which of the following constitute barriers that persons with disability might face? 3 Stigma and discrimination. A physical environment that is inaccessible or difficult to access and utilise. Lack of awareness and enforcement of existing laws and regulations that hinder the involvement of people with a health condition in all areas of life. All of the above. Which of the following is not considered a form of social exclusion? When certain groups are denied the same access to education as the rest of society. When a qualified candidate is not successful in their job search. When an individual or group encounter discrimination due to their social or cultural background. When individuals are unable to access public buildings or transport due to their physical or health condition. Which of the following is the most true about human rights and the rights and responsibilities towards persons with disability? To respect the inherent dignity of all humans and equality. To remove all barriers to inclusion for disabled persons in society. To champion equality and equal opportunity. To advocate for policies and practices that would give the disabled community a head start in all aspects of their lives.

Week 5 Quiz 1

1	Most of those who have abortions are
	Married Marrie
	Teenagers
2	Abortion is medically safer than childbirth.
	True
	False

Week 5 Ouiz 2

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1	According to Thomson, what is the missing premise in the standard argument against abortion?				
	That the mother's right to life is less important than the foetus' right to life.				
	The foetus' right to life is stronger than the mother's right to her own body.				
2	Thomson argues that having a right to life does not guarantee having either a right to be given the use				
	of or the right to the continued use of another's body – even if one needs it for life itself.				
	True				
	False				
3	What does Marquis mean by a "Future like ours"?				
	A valuable future				
	A morally good future				

Week 6 Quiz 1

1	According to Rachels there is no difference between killing and letting die.	
	True	
	False	
2	Which of the following best describes the traditional view of euthanasia?	
	Passive euthanasia is morally obligatory and should be legally permitted.	
	Active Euthanasia is not morally permissible and should be illegal.	

Week 6 Quiz 2

1	Which of the following is incorrect?			
	Net well-being is the consideration of the benefits produced by an action.			
	Overall well-being is the net well-being of all individuals affected by an action.			
	Everyone's well-being counts equally.			
2	What does dharma mean?			
	Pleasure			
	Happiness			
	Duty Control of the C			
	Non-violence			

Week 7

What are th	ne three broad conceptions of Equality?		
Formal Eq	quality, Equality of Outcomes, Equality of Opportunities		
Equality of	f Opportunities, Equality of Outcomes, Moral Equality		
Formal Eq	quality, Moral Equality, Normative Equality		
Proportion	nal Equality, Moral Equality, Formal Equality		
Which of the	he below describes the Equality of Opportunity?		
Every indi	vidual finishes at the same end point		
Every indi	vidual gets equal access to resources to attain social mobility		
Every indi	vidual gets equal chances to access resources to attain social mobility		
All individ	uals get approximate chances to access resources to attain social mobility		
What is a c	ritique of the Equality of Opportunity concept?		
It is practi	cally impossible to realise the concept in real life		
It can be	It can be an imperfect concept, but we can still apply it in real life provided we adapt the		
application	application of the concept to its societal context		
It is difficu	ılt to realise the concept in real life		
It can be d	lifficult to realise the concept in real life		
What is a c	ritique of the Equality of Outcomes concept?		
It does not	account for differences in individuals' goals		
It is practi	cally <i>almost</i> an unfeasible concept		
It is an ega	alitarian but idealistic proposition		
It does not	account for the idea that human nature may be selfish		
What is a m	nisconception of Meritocracy in the real world?		
It exclusive	ely focuses on Merit to distribute rewards to society		
It consider	s non-merit factors that can enable an individual to attain social mobility		
It rewards	individuals mainly based on merit		

None of the above

How do Platonic Meritocracy and Procedural Meritocracy Equality of Outcomes differ in terms of their views on human talent/abilities?

Platonic Meritocracy purports that human talent/abilities are somewhat instinctual whereas Procedural Meritocracy purports that human talent/abilities are learned and earned

Platonic Meritocracy purports that human talent/abilities are natural whereas Procedural Meritocracy purports that human talent/abilities are learned and earned

None of the above

All of the above

Week 8

Which of the below is <u>not</u> an accurate reflection of Multiculturalism?

Multiculturalism promotes cultural integration

Multiculturalism does not advocate cultural assimilation (i.e. minority groups assume the host society's majority cultural norms/ practices etc.)

Multiculturalism is mainly a political ideal

A and B

Which of the below statements defines Globalisation?

Globalisation refers to increasing interactions among human activities around the world

Globalisation refers to a widespread network of info-communication technologies around the world

Globalisation refers to increasing interactions among, and integration of human economic activities, of human societies around the world

Globalisation refers to increasing interactions among, and integration of human economic activities in particular, of human societies around the world

Which of the below is not a critique of the concept of Multiculturalism?

Rationalism Critique

Cosmopolitan Critique

Postcolonial Critique

Universalist Equality Critique

Which of the below is a counter-response of Multiculturalism to the Cosmopolitan critique?

Cultures are overlapping and interactive, but this is a recent phenomenon

Cultures have always retained their distinctive features and characteristics

Cultures are overlapping and interactive, but individuals belong to separate societal cultures

Cultures are overlapping and interactive, but this is an age-old phenomenon

Which of the below reflects how Multiculturalism is arguably aligned with Utilitarianism?

Multiculturalism arguably aligns with Utilitarianism because of the partiality principle

Multiculturalism arguably aligns with Utilitarianism because Multiculturalism can maximise the greatest good for the greatest number of individuals

Multiculturalism arguably aligns with Utilitarianism because, if utility is defined as respect for/advancement of cultural diversity in societies, then Multiculturalism can maximise the greatest good for the greatest number of individuals

All of the above

Week 9

Democracies can be of the following types:

liberal and limited.

liberal, limited and illiberal.

liberal, limited, illiberal and theocratic.

liberal and illiberal.

The fundamental difference between authoritarian and totalitarian regimes is:

the level of control asserted by the government.

the use of terror and oppression.

there is no fundamental difference between the two.

authoritarian regimes are always monarchical, and totalitarian regimes are always fascist.

The difference between liberal and illiberal democracy is that:

unlike liberal democracies, illiberal democracies do not offer political and civil rights to all.

liberal democracies are what all present-day democracies are, while illiberal democracies are democracies of the past.

there is no significant difference between the two.

while liberal democracies allow free and fair elections, there are no free and fair elections in illiberal democracies.

The difference between the far-right and far-left political spectrum is:

far-right is fascist or Nazi, whereas far-left is communist.

far-right is fascist or Nazi, where as far-left is conservative.

far-right is only fascist, whereas far-right is only conservative.

far-right and far-left are ideologically the same.

All political systems tend to use some variation of the following moral justifications:

freedom, order, morality, duty.

freedom, order, morality, duty, and the necessity to torture citizens if need be.

freedom, order, morality, duty, and the necessity to deprive citizens of political and civil rights to keep in power.

political systems have no moral justifications as they come into being with force.

George Orwell's 'double-speak' means:

using contradictory logic to deceive people.

using contradictory logic to deceive people, which is also a tactic that contemporary politicians use.

Both a and b are correct.

Only a is correct.

Week 10

Following are the different types of 'speech': Verbal, Symbolic, and Autonomy.

Verbal and Symbolic only.

Verbal, Symbolic, Associations, and Autonomy.

Verbal only.

2 Verbal speech includes the following:

What's said and written.

What's said, written, and what is presented symbolically.

The associations we join.

What's said and written and the autonomous actions we undertake.

3 Why is free speech important?

Because it offers us a sense of equality, political freedoms, autonomy, and it promotes truth.

Because it offers us a sense of equality, political freedoms, and autonomy.

Because we get to say what we want and challenge the universal regulations on free speech without accountability.

Because we should be allowed to express our hate for someone even if this leads to violence.

4 The reason why the Neo-Nazis were allowed to march through the predominately Jewish neighborhood was because:

The march was considered symbolic free speech that did not use any violence and thus did not violate regulations on hate speech in the United States.

The judge was un-sympathetic to the Jewish community.

The Neo-Nazis had a message of peace.

The actions of Neo-Nazis, in all forms of speech, were not regulated in the United States.

5 The Offense Principle is invoked in the following circumstances:

Whenever someone feels offended by what someone else has said.

Whenever someone feels offended by hate speech directed at them, and when such hate speech does not qualify the criteria for litigation under the Harm Principle.

Whenever a victim doesn't want to bother taking the case of hate speech to the courts under the stipulation of harm principle.

When the courts have too many cases under the harm principle and do not have time to hear any more cases.

6 Which of the following outlines the logic of the Paradox of Tolerance:

That no regulations on free speech leads to the proliferation of hate speech, which ultimately leads to the proliferation of hate groups, which in turn leads to an intolerant society.

That no regulations on free speech leads to the proliferation of hate speech, which ultimately balances the society and maintains a good balance between tolerance and intolerance.

That tolerance leads to tolerance.

That tolerance is easy to maintain in a society and no regulations are needed for hate speech.