Final Exam, Part 2 Philosophy 4

Part 1

Read this article and answer the following question (10 points):

1. What are the two ways Utilitarians might calculate aggregate happiness? Which does the author of the above article use? Explain your answer and justify it using at least one quote from the article.

Part 2

Pick two of the following questions to answer (10 points):

- 2. Explain the significance to Kant's moral theory that we value not only our own humanity, but humanity as such. Why does this entail that we have duties of justice? Why does it entail that we have duties of beneficience? How does Appiah use it to argue against intrinsic racism?
- 3. What is Strong Affirmative Action? Why does Pojman claim it is a racist and sexist policy? Does endorsing Strong Affirmative Action mean one is necessarily a racialist, an extrinsic or intrinsic racist? Why or why not?
- 4. Suppose two equally qualified people apply for a job. One applicant is a man and the other is a woman. The woman is hired on the basis of a Strong Affirmative Action policy by the hiring committee. According to Frye's criteria, is the failure of the committee to hire the man an act of oppression? Why or why not? Did the committee act wrongly?

Part 3

Answer the following question (20 points):

5. Pojman argues that Strong Affirmative Action is immoral on Kantian grounds as it treats people as mere means to social goals. Is this true in the case of beneficiaries? Those discriminated against? Give an example of a case where the Formula of Humanity gives us a counterintuitive result. Why does it give a counterintuitive result in this case? Are cases of discrimination due to Strong AA similar to this case? Why or why not?