

## Extra Credit

Due by **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 31**. I **will not** accept any late extra credit submissions, unless you supply documentation of an illness or family emergency. All submissions will be made via Canvas.

**You may not discuss these questions with anyone else. The work you submit must be your own. If there is the slightest doubt as to whether the work you submit is your own, I may revoke this extra credit assignment for everyone.**

This extra credit assignment is optional but strongly recommended, especially if you scored under a C on the first exam or either problem set. The questions on this assignment will be graded out of 55 points. For each point you earn, your exam grade will be raised by taking the amount of points you missed on the exam and multiplying that amount against the amount of points you get on this assignment (treating, however, the points from this assignment as a percentage of the possible points you can earn back). In other words, you can earn (up to) 55% of the points you missed on the exam / problem set.

Examples:

| Old Exam / PS Grade | Points Lost     | Earned points on this assignment (out of 55 points) | Points Added            | New Exam Grade       |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 75                  | $100 - 75 = 25$ | 25  | $25 \times 0.25 = 6.25$ | $75 + 6.25 = 81.25$  |
| 75                  | $100 - 75 = 25$ | 55  | $25 \times .55 = 13.75$ | $75 + 13.75 = 88.75$ |
| 63                  | $100 - 60 = 40$ | 25  | $40 \times .25 = 10$    | $63 + 10 = 73$       |
| 63                  | $100 - 60 = 40$ | 55  | $40 \times .55 = 22$    | $63 + 22 = 85$       |

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**Writing Assignment:**

Pick two out of the three following writing prompts and answer them. If you attempt more than two, I will grade the first two only. Some of you were finding it difficult to fully answer these prompts on the exam, so here is a basic format that you can follow (but you do not **have to** follow it):

A full point answer should be at least three paragraphs. Use the first paragraph to explain what the author was arguing for, and how they did so. Use the second paragraph to explain either why another philosopher disagrees (named in the writing prompt), or what the potential problem is (stated in the writing prompt). Use the third paragraph to explain anything that is remaining to be addressed in the question.

1. Mackie claimed that first-order moral disagreement is evidence against the existence of objective moral facts. State why Mackie claimed this, and explain how first-order moral disagreement may entail an error theory for second-order moral theories.
2. Ross claimed that ethical intuition is the way by which human agents have access to moral truths. State how Ross explained this, and state why Mackie views such a stance as queer.
3. Mill claimed that we should, in many cases, adhere to so-called moral rules of thumb. State what this means, and explain how it avoids the following criticism: consequentialism is implausible because it demands that we, for every action, calculate how much pleasure that that action will create.