

PH1102E/GEK1067 QUIZ

1. According to Galen Strawson, it is reasonable to punish people for committing crimes like theft, rape, and murder.

- a) True.
- b) False.

2. According to determinism,

- a) an agent is not morally responsible for his actions, if his actions are caused by events that occurred before the agent was born.
- b) every event, except for the first event that ever occurred (if there was such an event), has a cause.
- c) every event, except for randomly occurring events (like the events involved in radioactive decay), has a cause.
- d) true freedom requires freedom from determination by events beyond one's control.
- e) None of the above.

3. Given that we define God as an all-powerful, all-knowing, and supremely benevolent being, which one of the following things cannot exist?

- a. an agnostic who is persuaded by the argument from evil
- b. an atheist who takes part in religious ceremonies
- c. a theist who is unpersuaded by all arguments for the existence of God
- d. a theist who rejects utilitarianism
- e. a theist who accepts utilitarianism

4. By carefully selecting dogs on the basis of their family histories and genetic profiles, Bruce has succeeded in developing a breed of congenitally deaf and blind dogs. He takes decent care of the dogs, providing them lives that are worth living. When people express outrage at his breeding programme, Bruce responds that he has done nothing wrong. If Bruce's response is incorrect, this poses a problem for

- (a) the opponents of factory farming
- (b) the defenders of factory farming
- (c) the opponents of ethical hedonism
- (d) the defenders of moral nihilism
- (e) the opponents of moral nihilism

5. Consider the following statements:

- i. It costs about \$10 to cure a case of malaria.
- ii. A human life is infinitely more valuable than any luxury item.
- iii. It would be morally wrong to let a child drown just for the sake of saving on dry-cleaning bills.
- iv. Improving public health actually tends to decrease population.
- v. Your relationship to a child that you see drowning in a pool is identical to your relationship to children dying of hunger in impoverished countries, in all morally relevant respects.
- vi. Citizens of rich countries have a moral obligation to assist citizens of poor countries.

Which of these statements are premises of Peter Singer's argument in favor of devoting resources to global relief efforts?

- a) (i) and (ii)
- b) (i) and (vi)
- c) (iii) and (v)
- d) (iii) and (vi)
- e) (iv) and (v)