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EXAM REVIEW

TIME & PLACE

- TEACH 105
- 10:00 to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 13th
- <http://registrar.unl.edu/final-exam-schedule-fall>

CONTENT

- Free will and determinism
 - connection between free will and responsibility
 - compatibilism vs. incompatibilism
 - PAP & Source requirement
 - Frankfurt cases
 - Strawson's 'basic argument' against free will

- The Libet experiments & free will
 - What are the experiments?
 - Experiments call into question the efficacy of conscious willing
- Sinnott-armstrong on legal significance of Libet's experiments

- Meta-ethical skepticism
 - ethics vs. meta-ethics
 - non-cognitivism
 - error theory
 - argument from disagreement
 - argument from 'queerness'

- Camus & Nagel on the absurdity of life
 - Camus' answer to absurdity
 - Nagel's criticisms of standard arguments for absurdity
 - Nagel's argument for the source of absurdity
 - Nagel's answer to absurdity

- Wolf on meaning in life
 - Fulfillment view & problems with hedonism
 - Sisyphus fulfilled
 - Experience machine
 - Bipartite view
 - what is the connection between the two conditions
 - Fitting fulfillment view

FORMAT

1. Argument extraction (2, 10 pts)
2. Definitions (4, 3 pts)
3. Multiple choice (14, 2 pts)
4. Short essay (2, 20 pts)

ARGUMENT EXTRACTION (PICK 2 OF 3)

1. What's the conclusion of the argument?
2. What support does the conclusion have?
3. What material is essential to the argument and what is extraneous?
4. Is the argument valid?
 - if yes, why?
 - if no, why?
5. Is the argument sound?
 - if no, which premise (or premises) is false?

DEFINITIONS (PICK 4 OF 5)

Determinism:

For any state of the subject, that subject's states are necessitated by the condition of its previous states plus the laws of nature.

Internalism:

objective values must be intrinsically motivating — knowledge of a moral requirement entails being motivated to follow that requirement

MULTIPLE CHOICE (14 QUESTIONS)

- Free will and determinism
- Meta-ethical skepticism
- Camus & Nagel on absurdity of life
- Wolf on meaning in life

SHORT ESSAY (PICK 2 OF 3)

- Mackie's error theory
 - difference between ethics & meta-ethics
 - error theory
 - two arguments for the error theory
- Strawson's argument against moral responsibility
 - Explain the argument
 - Does Strawson's argument depend on the truth or falsity of determinism?

