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MID-TERM REVIEW

FORMAT OF EXAM

1. Argument identification (20 pts)
2. Definitions (20 pts)
3. Multiple choice (30 pts)
4. Short answer/essay (30 pts)

WHAT IS FOOD?

- What is it to define a concept?
- Natural vs. social concepts/kinds
- Defining food in terms of nutrients ("nutritionism")
- Problems with nutritionism
- Alternatives to nutritionism (agrianism & food holism)

THE INDUSTRIAL FOOD SYSTEM

- Features of IFS
 - technologically driven
 - large scale
 - high efficiency
 - monoculture
 - commodification
- Pollan's "genealogical" critique of IFS

FOOD POLITICS

- Food production & "moral hazard"
- How corporations influence government food policy

THE ETHICS OF EATING

- Details of poultry, beef, lobster farming/meat production
- Sentience and moral status
- Consequentialism & Utilitarianism
- Deontology
 - Rational capacities & moral status

MORAL VEGETARIANISM

- The "basic argument" for vegetarianism
 - Limitations of the basic argument
 - Ways of objecting to the basic argument

