

Final Exam Review

Format of Exam

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

General Concepts

- Logical concepts (e.g. necessary/sufficient condition)
- Moral concepts (utilitarianism vs deontology)

Ethical Omnivorism

- Pollan's four defenses of omnivorism
 1. Eating is part of our (cultural) identity
 2. It is suffering & not pain that matters
 3. The good life of a domesticated animal is one in which it is farmed for food
 4. Even veganism would require us to kill lots of animals

Famine & Affluence

- Food security
- Singer's "principle of preventing bad occurrences"
- Objections to Singer
 - Erases distinction between duty & supererogation
 - Too demanding
 - Too radical

Lifeboat Ethics

- Hardin on famine relief & the "tragedy of the commons"
- Objections to Hardin
 - Is the lifeboat metaphor really apt?
 - Must all commons end in "tragedy"?
 - Must all increases in food security lead to increases in population

Food Justice

- Localism vs. globalism about food production & consumption's
- Disadvantages of each approach

Genetically Modified Foods

- What are GM Foods?
- Intrinsic vs extrinsic objections
- The “unnaturalness objection”
- The problem of negative information
- The precautionary principle

Functional Foods

- What are “functional” foods?
- How are functional foods different from GM foods?
- Problems with functional foods
 1. Efficacy
 2. Treating food as medicinal
 3. Market forces

The Aesthetics of Food

- Can food be the kind of thing that has genuine aesthetic qualities (e.g. beauty, grace, etc.)
- Taste as metaphor for critical aesthetic appraisal
- Three features of taste
 1. Hedonically judgmental
 2. Immediate
 3. Directly sensory
- Kant's criticism of an aesthetics based on mere taste
 - Difference between taste of sense & taste of reflection
- Sweeney's defense of food as an object of aesthetic appraisal