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# 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 vegan ism 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