

Course: Ethics
Course Number: HU 158
Assignment: Ethical Theory Paper 2
Due: 10/21/2020

Paper Description

Ethical theory papers should be one to two pages long, typed in 12 pt Times New Roman font, and double spaced. A page should be included for any works cited. Subject papers must be turned in on or preferably before the due date. No late work is accepted! Grammar and Spelling do count.

Directions

You will be assigned one ethical theory and one example. To figure out which theory you are assigned see the section below labeled 'Assigned Theory'. To figure out which example you are assigned see the section below labeled 'Assigned Example'. For this assignment you need to outline the Ethical theory assigned to you and apply it to the example assigned to you. If you were a follower of the ethical theory assigned to you what would you do in this case, and why?

Important Notes

- Answer the question completely and concisely.
- You may use quotes but make sure you do not use them excessively.
- Academic dishonesty of any type will not be tolerated and will result in failure.
- Write in a philosophical manner.
- Make sure you meet all the requirements necessary to answer the question.
- Use all your resources and cite them. Use footnotes when necessary for quotes.
- Email me if you have questions or need help.
- Check and revise your paper as necessary.
- Hand in the paper on time!

Assigned Theory

Your assigned ethical theory is based on your first letter of your *first name*.

(Letter of First Name) Assigned Theory

(A, B, C, D, E) Kantianism (Use the 1st Formulation of the Categorical Imperative)

(F, G, H, I, J) Kantianism (Use the 2nd Formulation of the Categorical Imperative)

(K, L, M, N, O) Social Contract Theory

(P, Q, R, S, T) Act Utilitarianism

(U, V, W, X, Y, Z) Rule Utilitarianism

You must do the theory you are assigned and only the theory you are assigned!

Assigned Example

Your assigned example is based on your first letter of your *last name*.

(Letter of Last Name) [Assigned Example]

(P, Q, R) **[Scientist]** You are a brilliant scientist doing research in a South American country led by a brutal dictator. One day, you find yourself in the central square of a small town. There are twenty captured rebels tied up. You see that one of the rebels is a fellow researcher and friend of yours. The captain of the guard who has defeated them sees and recognizes you. The captain says that if you kill one of the rebels, the others will be released, in honor of your status as a guest. But, if you do not kill one of them, they will all be killed.

(S, T, U) **[Organ Donation]** You are a doctor working in a large hospital. Your best friend develops cirrhosis of the liver and needs a liver transplant soon or he will die. You have another patient Bob who would be a perfect donor. Bob is brain dead, but being kept alive through life support. Bob is on the organ donor list so if he died you could be assured your friend would get the liver he needs. You know Bob's family would not approve of the life support being removed. You are, however, fairly sure you would not be caught if you just pulled the plug on Bob's life support.

(V, W, X, Y, Z) **[Janitor]** You are a janitor in the local hospital and you overhear a man pleading that he be given an expensive medication, which he cannot afford, to save his daughter from losing her eyesight to a rare disease. You consider the fact that you could steal the medication during your cleaning shift and give it to the man. You are, however, aware that if you are caught you would lose your job and be brought up on criminal charges most likely leading to a long prison sentence. You reflect upon your own two children at home and make your decision.

(A, B, C) **[Summer Job]** You find a summer job doing landscaping. Your employer offers to pay you under the table. If you are not on the books you don't have to pay taxes and neither would your employer. Off the books you will make more money, but on the books you will be obeying the laws which state you have to pay your taxes.

(D, E, F) **[Student]** You're a student at the local college, whom has to work twenty hours a week on top of taking a full course load just to make ends meet. One day while working you find a wallet on the ground. There is an I.D. in the wallet so you would be able to return it to its owner. It belongs to the wealthy car dealership owner. The wallet also contains three thousand dollars.

(G, H, I) **[Christmas]** You are Christmas shopping on a limited budget when you see the perfect gift for your best friend. Luckily the friend is the last person on your list and you have just enough to get the gift. At the same time you hear a noise. It's a bell being rung to remind people to help the needy and donate to charity. You consider your options (buy gift, buy a less costly gift and give some to charity, give no gift and give a lot to charity).

(J, K, L) **[T.V.]** A friend of yours knows you work at the electronics store. He is interested in buying a new T.V. and knows that you get an employee discount. He wants you to lie and say the T.V. is for you so you can buy it for him at the discounted rate.

(M, N, O) **[Dinner]** You are trying to impress your boss by inviting him over for dinner. You consider preparing veal because the meat is so tender and delicious and it would impress your boss. You could make something else but you are fairly sure it will not go over as well. You do, however, know how the calves are treated in order to become veal (look it up if you are not familiar [p107]).

You must do the example you are assigned and only the example you are assigned!

Illustration of identifying your assigned theory and example

If your name was Daniel Thompson then your first name is 'Daniel' which starts with 'D' and your last name is 'Thompson' which starts with 'T'. You would look at the Assigned Theory section and see that you are assigned Kantianism (1st Formulation). You would then look at the Assigned Example section and see that you are assigned the 'Organ Donation example.

If you are having difficulties figuring out which theory and which example you are assigned email me. You must do the ones you are assigned. Doing the incorrect theory and/or example will result in loss of points on the assignment.