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**PHI 2604 Test 1**

**Section 1: Choose the correct answer.**

1. Utilitarianism is based on the idea that we can determine the moral worth of an action by its capacity to produce:
   1. Moral laws
   2. Satisfaction
   3. Happiness
   4. Gratification
   5. None of the Above
2. Relativist ethical theories are in sometimes compatible with the idea of universal ethics.
   1. True
   2. False
3. Which of the following is necessary for ethical responsibility?
   1. Following what society commands
   2. Acting according to religious principles
   3. Being able to act freely
   4. Innate values
   5. None of the above
4. Ethical egoists believe that it is sometimes acceptable to make sacrifices for others.
   1. True
   2. False
5. Which ethical theory does the following statement exemplify? “How do you know what wrong or right is anyway? Your God tells you one thing, your society another… Ultimately, who’s the final judge in all this? You are.”
   1. Divine command
   2. Cultural relativism
   3. Natural law
   4. Subjectivism
   5. None of the above
6. Lying, killing, cheating, and stealing are permissible under utilitarian ethics.
   1. True
   2. False
7. Ethical egoists such as Ayn Rand believe that we should do what is:
   1. In interests of the majority.
   2. In our rational self-interest.
   3. Beneficial for our community.
   4. Favorable for the people we care about.
   5. None of the above.
8. Which of the following premises is not part of the cultural relativist argument?
   1. All cultures have different moral codes.
   2. The moral code determines what is right and wrong.
   3. Some cultural practices are acceptable.
   4. Our moral code is one amongst many.
   5. None of the above
9. Divine command theorists believe the moral code is created by:
   1. Ministers
   2. The law
   3. The pope
   4. The prophets
   5. None of the above
10. Jeremy Bentham and J.S Mill both agreed that the pursuit of pleasure leads to happiness.
    1. True
    2. False
11. According to the cultural relativist argument, if a society promotes bigotry, then that society is immoral.
    1. True
    2. False
12. Ethical subjectivism encourages tolerance for different opinions
    1. True
    2. False
13. Moral truths are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ according to an ethical subjectivist.
    1. Self-evident
    2. Impossible to ascertain
    3. Improvable
    4. True only for each individual
14. The theory of cultural relativism rejects the existence of universal moral norms.
    1. True
    2. False
15. Which of the following would be considered immoral by a cultural relativist:
    1. The Spartan practice of infanticide.
    2. Child marriage in Yemen.
    3. Female genital mutilation in Somalia.
    4. Chinese foot binding.
    5. None of the above.
    6. All of the above.
16. Divine command theorists believe that good and evil exist independently from God.
    1. True
    2. False
17. Divine command theory is considered a relativist theory because:
    1. No one knows what God’s intentions are.
    2. It relies on scripture.
    3. It makes morality the arbitrary judgment of God.
    4. It appeals to a non-human authority.
    5. None of the Above
18. Ethical subjectivism and cultural relativism share in common the belief that we can’t ultimately know what is right or wrong.
    1. True
    2. False

**Section 2: Choose the fallacy that best applies to the statement: (Naturalistic fallacy, circular reasoning or begging the question, appeal to inappropriate authority, hasty or faulty generalization, appeal to popularity)**

1. “It doesn’t matter when “life begins”, we should focus on the rights of the baby.”

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1. “There are only two genders, that is a fact. Then why does the college need to build ‘gender neutral’ restrooms? Those people should just use normal restrooms like everyone does.”

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1. “Every man who gives his money to his wife is a fool.”

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1. “After the shooting, more and more people want a complete ban on high capacity magazines. Congress should expedite voting on the new bill.”

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1. “My grandfather smoked 2 packs a day for 30 years and he lived until 90. Don’t believe what they tell you about smoking.”

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1. “By nature, a woman’s reproductive system is designed to bear children. Too many unmarried women and lesbians will have a negative impact on the growth of our society. They ought not to disregard the natural order of things.”

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1. “Many of these immigrants come from very violent countries. It is no wonder why crime rates increase when there is an excess of them in the big cities. We should tighten immigration controls for our safety.”

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1. “Marijuana has been proven to trigger schizophrenia in people who did not previously show any symptoms of the disorder. If the state of Colorado really cared about its people, it should have never legalized something that can be harmful for so many.”

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1. “Women have right to choose whether to have an abortion or not, therefore abortion should be allowed.”

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**Section 3: Answer the following question. Correct spelling and grammar are required.**

New York Times journalist Alan Blinder, in his report on Alabama’s bill which imposes severe restrictions on abortion, states: *‘The bill that the Republican controlled Legislature*[*overwhelmingly passed*](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/14/us/abortion-law-alabama.html?module=inline)*sought to prohibit abortions at every stage of pregnancy. It includes an exception for cases where a woman’s health is at “serious” risk, but lawmakers rejected a proposal to add exceptions for cases of rape or incest. Women who have abortions will not be prosecuted under the measure, but, if the courts allow the law to stand, doctors could be charged with a felony and face up to 99 years in prison for performing the procedure. A Senate vote on Tuesday night moved the proposal to Gov. Kay Ivey, a Republican, who signed the legislation on Wednesday afternoon. “To the bill’s many supporters, this legislation stands as a powerful testament to Alabamians’ deeply held belief that every life is precious and that every life is a sacred gift from God,” Ms. Ivey said in a statement. Supporters of abortion rights have promised to challenge the measure in court. The expected legal battle could stop the restrictions entirely, or at least substantially delay them. “Alabama politicians will forever live in infamy for this vote, and we will make sure that every woman knows who to hold accountable,” said Staci Fox, the president of Planned Parenthood Southeast Advocates. “In the coming days, we will be mounting the fight of our lives — we will take this to court and ensure abortion remains safe and legal.”’* **How are the arguments proposed by divine command theorists reflected by this issue? Are women’s rights violated by such laws and moral norms? Do you believe that moral relativism (religious and cultural) can negatively impact women’s rights? Why or why not**