

Philosophy 300/Professor Card/Fall 2018

Study Guide for Exam #1 [Friday, Nov. 16]

*Students may use **one regular sized sheet** (8 1/2 inches by 11 inches) of paper (*both sides if you wish*) containing notes during the examination period. This sheet must be turned in with the complete examination to receive credit. If you opt not to use a notes sheet, inform me of this fact in advance. No communication or sharing of note sheets is allowed during the examination period. Also, the use of unapproved electronic devices is not allowed during the examination. All exams are collected at the end of the class period

- a. Bentham (XP-J): [Video: "Does the End Justify the Means?"] definition of Utilitarianism; theory of moral assessment, theory of moral value; intrinsic versus instrumental value; definition of Hedonism; Bentham's hedonic calculus; Bentham's method for assessing acts/Quantitative Hedonism
- b. Mill, *Utilitarianism* (XP-K): biographical background on Mill; differences between natural science and ethics; teleology; "proofs" in ethics; Mill's view on intuitionism; Greatest Happiness Principle;; Mill's version of Hedonism; higher versus lower pleasures; qualitative hedonism vs. quantitative hedonism; differences between Bentham's and Mill's views; know possible criticism of Utilitarianism and Mill's reply to objection
- c. *Brave New World*: (first part, chapters 1-8) know main characters and story; connection to hedonism, distinctive features of this world (all as discussed in class)
- d. Hladik (XP-1): know background on Snowden leaks regarding NSA surveillance on U.S. citizens within our borders, story of *Guardian* Editor Rusbridger; Hladik's thesis; meaning of "go dark;" Basic Utilitarianism; how "going dark" can serve as a Utilitarian argument; ignorance of American and British officials; application of Utilitarianism to this NSA spying/ surveillance program; overestimates of the benefits of spying; underestimation of the negative consequences of spying; underestimated bad consequences #1, #2
- e. Mill, *On Liberty* (XP-2): [Snyder v. Phelps (handout): be familiar with facts of the case; the decision reached by the Court in this case; application of Mill's analysis to the *Phelps* case]; Harm Principle; private sphere; Mill's view on freedom of expression; Main *On Liberty* argument.
- f. Bambauer (XP-3): history of internet censorship stages; examples of censorship that Bambauer would likely support; his conditions for when censorship is legitimate; democratic process and recent U.S. censorship, tie to net neutrality; four ways government censorship is changing—censorship v3.1; responses to censorship v3.1
- g. Kant (XP-4): [Dershowitz (handout): be familiar with Justice Objection to Utilitarianism, Dershowitz's proposal; Basic Utilitarianism; Method of Basic Utilitarianism]; [Video: Can Rules Define Morality?] basic insights of Kant's view; contrast with Utilitarianism; notion of a good will; relation of results to the good will;

definition of imperative; application of imperatives to humans/divine will; definition of categorical versus hypothetical imperatives; danger of basing morality on hypothetical imperatives; statement of First Formulation of Categorical Imperative (Formula of Universal Law); application of categorical imperative to Kant's lying promise example; be familiar with Kant's reasoning and conclusion for the example; statement of Second Formulation of Categorical Imperative (Formula of Respect for Persons/Humanity); application of this formulation of Kant's main principle to the lying promise example.

h. Kant (XP-5): SKIP

i. Pan (XP-6): Pan's thesis; current conceptions of personal information; Pan's analysis for when a data-mining algorithm violates privacy and autonomy; examples of algorithms inferring private information; Nissenbaum's contextual theory of privacy; Google/Facebook examples; characteristics of big data-four recent innovations; Target example; privacy and autonomy harms from big data; use harms; non-use harms; analysis for assessing algorithms and harms; conclusion.

If there are any changes to the material to be covered on Exam #2, I will announce these in class.