

## Ethics and Society

### Test 1 Study Guide

1. What is a cognitive bias?
2. What is ethical theory?
3. Define the following: intrinsic goods, extrinsic goods, hedonism, psychological egoism.
4. What is Social Contract Theory?
5. What is Ethical Egoism?
6. How would an egoist explain seemingly altruistic behaviors such as caring for the needy?
7. According to Hobbes, why do we submit to living under a government? Explain.
8. **CRITICAL THINKING**- Psychological egoism is assumed by both Ethical Egoism and Hobbes' Social Contract Theory. How does each theory use Psychological Egoism in order to defend its view of morality? Explain in detail.
9. What is the Divine Command Theory?
10. Define the following: normative, descriptive.
11. Explain what it means to say that Divine Command Theory might be descriptively accurate but not normatively accurate.
12. In Virtue Ethics, what is a right action? What is a wrong action?
13. How does Aristotle believe you develop virtues? List three Aristotelian virtues.
14. What do we mean by "the Ethics of Care"? List three virtues from the Ethics of Care. List three Buddhist virtues.
15. **CRITICAL THINKING**- Do the advocates of Virtue Ethics give a theory of right action? Why or why not? Explain in detail.
16. What is Cultural Relativism? Discuss two **objections** against Cultural Relativism.
17. What is a strawman argument?
18. What is moral personhood?
19. Define the following Kantian terms: Pure Reason, Rational Beings.
20. **CRITICAL THINKING**- According to Kant, what is freedom? Explain.
21. What is the Universal Law Formulation of the Categorical Imperative? How do you assess whether an action is permissible or impermissible using this formulation?
22. What is the Humanity Formulation of the Categorical Imperative?
23. Give an objection to the Categorical Imperative which was given in class.
24. Define the following: naturalism (in ethics) deontology, consequentialism, hedonism, the Principle of Utility, sentience.
25. **CRITICAL THINKING**- Describe two thought-experiments intended to undermine Utilitarianism. **Explain** why they allegedly undermine the view.