

## MIDTERM SPRING 2006

1.(8 pts)Name 8 of the 13 possible stake holders in a Business Ethics dilemma.

**CUSTOMERS, STOCKHOLDERS, DISTRIBUTORS, SUPPLIERS, GOVERNMENT, GLOBAL COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, FAMILIES, LOCAL COMMUNITY, COMPETITORS, DECISION MAKER**

2. (6 pts) For each of two (2) of the in-class debates, pick one side of the issue and provide an argument for it. For each of the debates you choose, list at least two moral theories that were in conflict and how you determined which had priority.(limit to 30 words for each debate).

### **I.SERIAL KILLER WITH BRAIN ABNORMALITY**

**TO EXECUTE OR TREAT AS A MEDICAL PROBLEM**

**NON-MALFEASANCE VS. JUSTICE (RETRIBUTION)**

**UTILITARIANISM (SLIPPERY SLOPE IS NOT STRICTLY A MORAL THEORY)**

### **II.COMPUTER TAX TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE POOR**

**AUTONOMY VS UTILITARIANISM AND JUSTICE**

### **III.HEART LUNG TRANSPLANT: SECOND TRANSPLANT VS ORGAN TO OTHERS.**

**NON-MALFEASANCE; JUSTICE; DUTY(PROFESSIONAL);DUTY (REPARATION); UTILITARIANISM.**

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***OTHER CLASS DISCUSSIONS OF DILEMMAS WERE NOT "DEBATES."***

3. ( 2 pts)Which of the following definitions is incorrect (circle the one)?

- A. Fidelity: Duty to keep commitments
- B. Self-improvement: Duty to better oneself
- C. Ecofeminism: A movement to minimize oppression of females, the underprivileged and the environment
- D. Plagiarism: Appropriation of another's person ideas, processed, results, or words without appropriate credits
- E. Agenda 21: the Rio Declaration of minimizing halocarbons.**

4. (4 pts) Describe 2 emphases to the basic 4 A's strategy, described in the reader and in lecture, when considering business or corporate ethical dilemmas.  
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**credo, stakeholders, axioms of justice, prima facie priorities.**

5. (11 pts) Match the following with the appropriate letter (can be used more than once or not at all). Do the best match. For example Taxation has its basis in \_\_\_\_\_ but paying taxes calls on another moral theory. DUTY IS THE OTHER THEORY

Kant _____k_____	a.equity
Justice ___a or_f_____	b.rights
Taxation__h_____	c. autonomy
Keeping promises__k_	d.Hinduism
Loche__b__	e. carbon dioxide
Green revolution_g__	f. GMOs
Kyoto protocol__e__	g. insecticides
Biocentrism__d_____	h.utilitarianism
Agenda 21__j_____	i. bribery
Prima Facie Priority_k_	j. slippery slope
Fifth Amendment_b__	k. duty

6. (10 pts) Define the following terms/phrases:

end justifies the means, **action taken that is wrong in itself but leads to a good end.**

tragedy of the commons, **when land or other uses of a common resource is beyond that sustainable**

virtue, **the golden mean of actions, doing the right thing**

Deep ecology, **philosophy that respects the environment and emphasizes conservation and even population growth control.**

beneficence, **actions that will benefit all elements or individual sectors relevant to the issue.**

**REFER to reader for more aspects of this term. Chapter 1 and 7.**

futile care, **medical care that will not lead to a cure in an extreme illness.**

paternalism, **making decisions or giving advice to a patient as a parent would advise a child assuming the child or patient in this case cannot make informed decisions.**

plagiarism, **using the creations of others as if there were one's own.**

copyright, **an official declaration of the ownership of material such as a publisher owns the rights to use material in a book.**

conflict-of-interest. **When an action or employment might conflict with primary duties and responsibilities OR when such action might appear to be a conflict and full disclosure is absent.**

7. (4pts) If Prof. Janeway uses a problem she found online in an assignment, is she committing plagiarism? Explain your answer for Yes or No in 20 words or less.  
**NO if she uses it without claiming it is her own creation. This is part of conveyance of information.**

**YES if she gives any indication that the problem is of her own creation. (If the answer like this give only 1 point)**

8. (4 pts) John and Mary are working in Professor Smith's lab researching rare infectious diseases. Professor Smith tells John and Mary that John will be the first author on a paper the three are working on together, but before he can tell any other members of the lab, he catches one of these diseases and passes away. John tells the other members of the lab that Professor Smith asked him to be the first author, but Mary disagrees and accuses him of scientific misconduct. Will her claim be upheld by an investigation? Yes or No? Why or why not? Choose one (20 wds).

**NO. Stipulations of scientific misconduct are not met. The only claim that can be made is that John is lying. (19 WDS.)**

9. (3 pts) Governments in England, Germany, Australia, the U.S. A. and elsewhere are trying to protect children and certain ethnic groups from obscene and disrespectful e-mails and text messages. Five or more bills have been presented in congress to censor individuals and corporations from pornography and race-sensitive communications. Why have these efforts in the U.S. been unsuccessful? (Answer in 5 words or less)

**Freedom of Expression is violated. Or consitutional amendment (1<sup>st</sup>) though I did say 5<sup>th</sup> during a discussion session thus 5<sup>th</sup> was allowed on the test.**

10. (12 pts) A new miniature defibrillator for insertion in the heart has been developed and has received FDA approval. One of the components of the power supply control circuits can no longer be acquired from the overseas supplier. An engineer involved in the design and development is told to use a substitute which has most of the same electronic characteristics. Bench tests prove the new components work satisfactorily. There is not time to perform any animal or human tests and management advises against notifying the FDA of the component change, or modification of the device as is required. The engineer is uncertain of the reliability of the modified device and uncertain of his job security if he refuses to sign off on the device. How should the engineer proceed? This is not primarily a whistle blowing problem. (Use reverse side if preferred, but less than 80 words)

**THIS IS A 4 AS PROBLEM WITH VERY LENIENT GRADING:**

**HOW comprehensive is THE ADVISE ASKING (1 PT);**

**THE STAKEHOLDER ASSESSMENT outline (1PT);**

**CREDO – 1 POINT;**

**WHISTLE BLOWER CRITERIA 1 PTS.**

**MORAL THEORIES MENTIONED ? (1 PT.)**