

MIDTERM-Spring 2004

(Maximum pts 60)

Name ANSWERS

1. (2 pts) Which of the following is a strategy for making a just decision on who should receive the only gas mask for a bioterrorist attack. Circle one.

- a. merit
- b. contribution
- c. random selection (drawing straws)
- d. free market value of the individual
- e. ability
- f. potential to benefit others

2. (10 pts—do only 5 of the 10) From the lettered terms representing concepts discussed in class or the reader, select one which is best connected to the numbered situations below. Choose only one moral or ethical concept which best matches (some terms can be used multiple times and some terms not at all). Do only 5—points off if more are tried:

- 1. Poker game
- 2. Embryo stem cell research
- 3. Paying income tax
- 4. Physician assisted suicide
- 5. Human experimentation
- 6. Animal experimentation
- 7. Aristotle
- 8. Mills
- 9. Kant
- 10. Plagiarism
- 11. Stealing

- a. Utilitarianism vs. autonomy
- b. Duty vs. Justice
- c. End justifies the means
- d. Utilitarianism
- e. Slippery slope
- f. Virtue and rules
- g. Duty
- h. Intergenerational risk
- i. Institutional Review Board
- j. Biocentrism
- k. Virtue
- l. Disclosure
- m. Autonomy
- n. Rules

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3. (6 pts) Your duty as a manager of a biotech company in the marketing department is to make a profit this year and one way to do this is to not pay the invoices for extravagant advertisements until next fiscal year. The delay in payments will be only 3 weeks in order to be beyond the close of the fiscal year. What are the ethical considerations in making a decision on how to proceed? (40 words or less).

4. (4 pts) Business or corporate ethics can be thought of as the ethics of a competition such as sport competition, or a contest where the goal is to win or to make money. Name some methods whereby a corporation can establish guidelines or rules which would help employees from being involved in unethical or questionable behavior. (10 words).

5. (8 pts) A convicted murder is on death row and is in serious need of a kidney as the dialysis no longer is adequate to keep her alive until the date for execution. Before conviction the criminal was on a transplant list and is now at the top of the list. You are the chairman of the state's ethics committee and are asked to make a determination regarding the handling of this situation. Note the rule of behavior in prisons is to give all inmates the maximum health benefits within the practical capabilities of the penal system. In less than 80 words show how you would approach the solution to the dilemma.

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6. (2 pts) From the choices below which principles or theories are in conflict most often in corporate ethics? (select only one of the pairs)

- a. Utilitarianism and intergenerational risk
- b. Duty and justice
- c. Virtue and beneficence
- d. Nonmaleficence and consequentialism
- e. Kant and duty

7. (2 pts) Give an example of a situation where duty and the end justifies the means are arguments which prevail over nonmaleficence. (atomic bomb drop is not one)

8. (2 pts) There is a river that supplies water to a small town of 500. There is a nearby city of 10,000 that is in a drought, and desperately needs water. You decide to divert the river, leaving the small town dry but you do supply water to the town. Which ethical theory was exercised here?

9. (2 pts) Religions and most cultures throughout history refer to this concept as that which underlies acceptable human behavior (11 words or less).

10. (4 pts) What modification of the design strategy is useful for corporate ethics problems (less than 6 words).

11. (4 pts) List the conditions to be considered before whistle blowing (no more than 8 words).

12. (2 pts) The Columbia and Challenger accidents had a common moral principle violated. Though the proper application of this principle may not have circumvented the end results, the fact it was not applied is grounds for declaring the managers negligent in their moral duty. What is the principle?

13. (2 pts) Consequentialism is also known as

14. (4 pts) Explain the difference between anthropocentrism and biocentrism in environmental ethics (20 words or less).

15. (6 pts) Name three reasons scientific misconduct is prevalent in the biologic and medical science literature as well as other scientific literature.