Philosophy 102

Test #3 Study Guide

How is ethics different from every other field of study?

Philosophers use reason and not just emotion to critically analyze morality.

**Ethical Relativism**

What is the theory?

What are the arguments for the theory?

What are the two problems with the theory.

**Moral Subjectivism**

What is the theory?

What are the arguments for the theory?

What are the problems with the theory?

**Objective Theories**

What does a consequentialist theory mean?

What does a Deontological theory mean?

Know the basic thesis of Utilitarianism

Know Jeremy Bentham’s argument for Utilitarianism

What are the critiques of Utilitarianism?

Know Kant’s argument for how we ought to treat one another.

What are the critiques of rule Utilitarianism
Kant's Two Categorical Imperatives
What are their rational?
What are the problems with Kantianism?

Buddhist Ethics
Freedom and Karma why are these important?
Four Noble Truths
What is the Eightfold Path?
What are the three short axioms?
What is Dana and Metta?
Transference of Merit

Feminists Ethics / The Ethics of Care
Caring should be at the center of ethics.
Know Lawrence Kohlberg’s Psychological theory on the three stages of moral development.
What is Gilligan’s response?
Gilligan's three stages of women’s moral development
Women usually focus on the more personal virtue of caring and men usually focus on impersonal moral rules.

Ethical Ideals are a large part of the ethics of care such as Betty Friedan (A civil rights activist in the 1960s) or Harriet Tubman.
Ethics should be about conduct of character not abstract principles.

Criticisms
Feminist ethics only cements certain attitudes about women and men.
It is an inadequate theory.