

Previous Final Examination Questions
Philosophy 24

For each question, please write a short answer of about one paragraph in length. The answer should be written out in full sentences, not simple phrases. Please attempt to answer every question, as partial credit will be given. No books, notes, or other external references may be used. Each question is worth ten points. (Note: the Fall, 2012 final contained ten questions, two of which were on political philosophy, which is no longer a component of this course.)

1. What was Harman's basis for claiming that some moral principles are relative to social groups?

2. What did Rachels think is the primary deficiency of ethical egoism?

3. What was the "inversion of values" described by Nietzsche?

4. What did Hospers take to be the fundamental advantage of rule utilitarianism over act utilitarianism?

5. What did Bentham take to be the ways in which the quantity of pleasure can be measured?

6. What was Kant's "categorical imperative"?

7. Why did Ross introduce the notion of a *prima facie* obligation?

8. How, for Aristotle, is living the good life for a human being like playing the flute well?