

Question Paper (HUL 253)

Minor II

Attempt any *one* question. This is an open book exam. The use of quotations when citing from the text is mandatory. If no quotations are used it would be considered **plagiarism**, and result in a grade of F (Fail)

1. Analyse and critically evaluate Kant's deontological ethics. In this context, discuss the various forms of the Categorical Imperative. How is the thought underlying the first form of the Categorical Imperative distinct from that underlying Rule Utilitarianism.
2. At the Nuremberg trials, what was the prosecution implying by arguing that even if the experiments on prisoners did not break any of the Nazi state's own civil laws, they were, nevertheless, "crimes against Humanity"? In this connection, critically evaluate the grounds for 'natural law', and 'natural rights', by taking into account Sartre's claim that "existence precedes essence".
3. What is 'virtue ethics' and how is it linked to natural law theory? In what way is virtue ethics distinct from, yet compatible with, some of the other ethical theories (Deontology, Utilitarianism etc.) discussed in the book?
4. Discuss the distinction between the 'Care' and 'Justice' perspectives. In what way(s) can the two perspectives be related? In this connection, discuss feminist misgivings, leading to the distinction, made by some feminist thinkers, between 'feminist ethics' and 'feminine ethics' (the care perspective), as well as NelNoddings critique of "the language of the father".