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## Assignment 2

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.  
As per our records you have not submitted this assignment.

**Due on 2019-08-21, 23:59 IST.**

1) Consider the following statements and choose among the following which one is/are not a limitation of Utilitarianism? **2 points**

- (i) Utilitarianism speaks only about the outcome, not about the manner in which the outcome was obtained.  
(ii) Utilitarianism speaks about the calculation of benefits, but not of cost calculation.  
(iii) Utilitarianism asks us to do *net benefit* calculation, but not all happiness and losses are quantifiable.  
(iv) Utilitarianism fails to distinguish between ethically right and ethically wrong action.

- (A) (i), & (iii) only  
 (B) (ii), & (iii)  
 (C) (ii) and (iv)  
 (D) (i) and (iv)

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
(C) (ii) and (iv)

2) Which of the following statements are true? **2 points**

- (i) In her work, In a *Different Voice: Psychological Theory and Women's Development (1982)*, Carol Gilligan claims that women perceive ethical duties differently and also act on different moral grounds than men .  
(ii) Ethics of care presumes a conception of "Self" or a "person" as a self-sufficient, isolated, and independent individual.  
(iii) According to Tronto, assertiveness, willingness, competence, and responsiveness are the four sub-elements of care.  
(iv) In the name of special obligations in some relationships, care ethics may allow favoritism, and cronyism, by giving primacy to the near and dear ones.

Options:

- (A) i-True, ii-False, iii-True, iv-False  
 (B) i-True, ii- False, iii-False, iv-True  
 (C) i-False, ii-True, iii-False, iv-True  
 (D) i- True, ii-False, iii-False, iv-False

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
(B) i-True, ii- False, iii-False, iv-True

3) Match the following **2 points**

List-I		List-II	
a.	Distributive Justice	i.	In recognition of the loss, to give something that is proportionate to the loss suffered by a person.
b.	Compensatory Justice	ii.	To inflict or impose penalty that is proportionate to the offence.
c.	Retributive Justice	iii.	To have fair provision of economic opportunities for every citizen for building a dignified and productive life.
d.	Economic Justice	iv.	To allocate a fair share of benefits and burdens for the attainment of a social good..

Codes:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	(iii)	(ii)	(iv)	(i)
(B)	(iv)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)
(C)	(iv)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
(D)	(iv)	(iii)	(ii)	(i)

- A  
 B  
 C  
 D

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
C

4) A friend, F, loaned you some money when you were going through a rough phase few months back. Now, you are out of that phase, and F has gently reminded you once to return the money. But, you think that there is no need to return the money; after all, the amount is not that great, and in another few months F will forget all about it. **2 points**

If Kant were your advisor, which of the following you think he would say on what you should do from the viewpoint of Deontological Ethics?

- (A) You should not return the money because friends do not have any ethical obligations to each other.  
 (B) You should return the money because otherwise next time you need it, F will not loan you any money.  
 (C) You should return the borrowed money, because you would not like it if people, who take loans from you, do not return it.  
 (D) You should return the money, because not returning would be dishonest, and dishonesty is a vice to avoid.

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
(C) You should return the borrowed money, because you would not like it if people, who take loans from you, do not return it.

5) Which of the following is NOT a recommendation from Ethics of Care? **2 points**

- (A) Caring attitude towards social relationships  
 (B) Feelings and emotions should be allowed in ethical consideration  
 (C) Society must be arranged such that maximum advantage goes to the least advantaged.  
 (D) In reciprocal relationship between two parties, both the parties may have some form of obligation to care to each other.

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
(C) Society must be arranged such that maximum advantage goes to the least advantaged.

6) **Consider:** As an employee in the Finance Ministry, you have access in advance to some confidential and crucial information about Government policy decision that the Government is about to announce publicly. This policy is likely to have a far-reaching impact on the housing and construction industry. If the builders have access to this information beforehand, they can make huge profits. One of the builders, who has done a lot of quality work for the Government and is known to be close to your immediate superior, asks you to disclose this information. From the perspective of **Virtue ethics**, choose the right answer with appropriate justification, from the options below- **2 points**

- (A) Yes. (**Justification:** Disclosing the information will benefit the builder and all concerned)  
 (B) No. (**Justification:** It goes against personal and professional integrity to disclose confidential information to which you have a trusted access as an insider employee. Compromising integrity is a vice to avoid)  
 (C) Yes (**Justification:** The builder who asked you to disclose the information is known to be close to your immediate superior. Not disclosing the information may have negative impact on the relationship between you and your immediate superior which may not be good for your own career.)  
 (D) No (**Justification:** You do not know this builder personally or well enough to comply to his request).

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
(B) No. (**Justification:** It goes against personal and professional integrity to disclose confidential information to which you have a trusted access as an insider employee. Compromising integrity is a vice to avoid)

7) Which of the following statements regarding utilitarianism is correct? **2 points**

- (A) Utilitarianism does not encourage to apply ethical theory to practice.  
 (B) Utilitarianism asserts that the primary duty of the decision-maker is to maximize the benefit to oneself.  
 (C) Utilitarianism is a version of egotism and is focused on the procedural correctness.  
 (D) Utilitarianism advises to choose policies which maximise benefits to the greatest number of people.

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
(D) Utilitarianism advises to choose policies which maximise benefits to the greatest number of people.

8) Which of the options correctly captures the view of John Rawls on Distributive Justice? **2 points**

- (i) Social and economic inequalities are to be arranged so that they benefit the least advantaged the most.  
(ii) Social arrangements must be such that certain fundamental liberties should be distributed equally among all.  
(iii) Social and economic inequalities are to be arranged to ensure the greatest good for the greatest number of people while ensuring liberty for all.  
(iv) Social arrangements should be such that every member of the society will receive the same number of goods, no matter what kind, and same number of benefits.

Please select the correct option

- (A) (i) & (ii) both  
 (B) (i) only  
 (C) (ii) & (iii) both  
 (D) (ii), (iii) & (iv)

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
(A) (i) & (ii) both

9) Which of the following statements is correct according to Virtue ethics? **2 points**

- (i) Highest good for humans is eudaimonia, which means happiness or flourishing.  
(ii) Developing virtue is within our power, but acquiring vice is not in our power.  
(iii) No one is born virtuous or born with vice.  
(iv) Good and bad character traits are innate in human beings.

Choose the correct option from given below

- (A) (i) & (ii) both  
 (B) (i) Only  
 (C) (i) & (iii)  
 (D) (ii) & (iv) both

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
(C) (i) & (iii)

10) **Consider:** A vacancy has arisen in the company where you are in the recruitment panel. You will be interviewing people in the final selection round, but one of the remaining candidates is the daughter of your cousin. The successful applicant would not report to you. From the perspective of **justice theory**, what should you do? **2 points**

- (A) You should disclose your conflict of interest to the panel, and ask to be excused when she appears for the interview.  
 (B) You disclose your conflict of interest and cancel her candidature.  
 (C) You should keep quiet and not reveal anything, and help her to get the job.  
 (D) You should keep quiet, and not reveal your conflict of interest to anyone.

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
(A) You should disclose your conflict of interest to the panel, and ask to be excused when she appears for the interview.