

Philosophy Midterm Outlines

Question 1:

- I. Ethical Egoism-definition
 - A. Self-interest only concern
 - B. Self-interest is moral
- II. Support argument
 - A. Know what's best
 - B. Helping others destructive
- III. Hobbes and Rawls
 - A. Similar (both)
 - 1. Morality based in SI
 - B. Different
 - 1. Hobbes
 - a. prevent harm: laws
 - b. applies no common-power
 - 2. Rawls:
 - a. SI of all
 - b. Veil of Ignorance
- IV. Contractarians
 - A. Ground morality
 - 1. Distribution rights equally
 - 2. Distribution offices equally
 - B. How is justice established (Rawls)
 - 1. All: talents/disabilities
 - 2. Veil of Ignorance
- V. Criticism (Mill)
 - A. Everyone equal
 - B. Veil allows unequal distribution
- VI. Superior argument?
 - A. Rawls
 - a. Not unfair/not equal
 - b. Applies all situations
 - c. D/N contra. argument

Question 4:

I. Aristotle

- A. Ground morality
 - a. function/work
- B. Human good
 - a. functioning well lifetime
- C. Virtue
 - a. deliberating well
 - b. mean state
 - c. adding political community

II. Differs

- A. Ethical Egoism
 - a. no SI considered
 - b. happiness is moral
- B. Utilitarianism
 - a. happiness not consequence
 - b. happiness is lifetime
 - c. maximize utility = external

III. Criticism (Mill)

- A. Mill: happiness = consequences
- B. Aristotle: happiness = action