PHILOSOPHY 320
STUDY QUESTIONS FOR THE FIRST MIDTERM¹


2. Present and explain the Natural Law Theory. Present, explain and evaluate the Doctrine of Double Effect.


4. Present and explain the Classical Utilitarian decision procedure. Present, explain and evaluate the Practical Objection. Present and explain the Uncertainty Objection. Present and explain the decision procedure given by Decision Theory (in explaining the view, say how it might avoid the Uncertainty Objection).

5. Present and explain the five theoretical objections to Classical Utilitarianism (i.e., the Arguments from Justice, Equality, Promising, Rights and Self-Sacrifice).

6. Present and explain Rule Utilitarianism and say how it differs from Act Utilitarianism. Explain and evaluate the claim that Rule Utilitarianism avoids some of the problems facing Act Utilitarianism.

¹ Note: Presenting a moral theory involves stating a theory of right conduct and a theory of (non-moral) value. (“The theory says that an act is obligatory iff…” “The theory says that something is intrinsically good iff…” ) Explaining a moral theory involves explaining both of these elements and how they relate to each other.