



UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
FACULTY OF ARTS
JUNE 2010 SESSION EXAMINATIONS

PHI 1102 Ethics I & II

Thursday 3rd June 2010

13.00 – 15.00

NO DICTIONARIES ALLOWED

Answer one question from each section

Section A: Ethics I (50 marks)

1. Outline and discuss Aristotle's vision of the 'good life'.
2. Suppose you were engaged in a discussion between subjectivists and objectivists on the meaning of moral goodness. Which position would you defend? What arguments would you put forward to support your claim?
3. 'Human action is the result of both the *intellect* and the *will*'. Discuss.

Section B: Ethics II (50 marks)

4. Discuss Alasdair MacIntyre's claim that modern morality is in a state of grave disorder.
5. Kant claims that the morally good person is the one who strives to do what he *ought* to do rather than the one who acts either from *inclination* or *self-interest*. Discuss this claim.
6. 'Utilitarianism is a combination of two principles: (i) the *consequentialist* principle and (ii) the *hedonistic* principle.' Discuss.
7. What exactly is the naturalistic fallacy? Is it possible to derive an *ought* from an *is*? Answer giving examples.