

Ethics

Theme 3 ABC - Situation Ethics: a religious approach to ethics PLC			
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A Fletcher's rejection of other forms of ethics	Fletcher's rejection of legalism, antinomianism and conscience Fletcher's rationale for using the concept of agape as the middle way Biblical evidence used to support this approach SE as a form of relativism and consequentialism Is agape the only intrinsic good? Does Situation Ethics promote immoral behaviour?		
B The Principles as a means of assessing morality	The boss principle of Situation Ethics The four working principles The six fundamental principles Does Situation Ethics promote justice? Is Situation Ethics effective in dealing with ethical issues?		
C Application Theory	Fletcher on homosexuality and sexual relationships Alan Turing on relationships Apply Fletcher's principles to relationships Should agape replace religious rules?		
Skills	20 mark exam question (AO1) 30 mark exam question (AO2)		
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A Laws and precepts as the basis of morality	Theme 2 ABC Aquinas' Natural Law - a religious approach to ethics PLC		
	Aquinas' four levels of law		
	Natural Law as absolutist with deontological and teleological aspects		
	The five primary precepts		
	The secondary precepts		
	The importance of keeping the precepts		
	Should human law be influenced by Natural Law? Does the nature of NL work in contemporary society?		
B The role of virtues and goods in supporting behaviour	The three revealed virtues The four cardinal virtues Aquinas' definition of different types of acts and goods The strengths and weaknesses of Natural Law Does Natural Law promote injustice?		
C Application of the Theory	The issues arising from abortion Application of NL to the issue of abortion The issues arising from euthanasia Application of NL to the issue of voluntary euthanasia Is NL meaningless without a belief in a creator God?		
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A Divine Command Theory	Theme 1 ABC Ethical Thought PLC			R	A	G
	God as the origin and regulator of morality					
	Robert Adams' modified Divine Command Theory					
	Challenges to Divine Command Theory					
	Is morality what God commands?					
B Virtue Theory	An ethical system based on personal qualities					
	Aristotle's moral virtues					
	Aristotle's doctrine of the mean					
	Jesus' teachings on virtue					
	Challenges to virtue theory					
	Is being a good person better than just doing good deeds?					
C Ethical Egoism	Is virtue theory useful when faced with a moral dilemma?					
	A normative agent focused ethic based upon self interest					
	Distinction between ethical egoism and psychological egoism					
	Max Stirner's ethical egoism					
	Challenges to ethical egoism					
	Does ethical egoism inevitably lead to moral evil?					
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	30 mark exam question (AO2)					
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D Meta-ethical approaches - Naturalism	Theme 1 DEF Ethical Thought PLC			R	A	G
	Naturalism					
	The Contribution of F. H. Bradley					
	Challenges to Naturalism					
E Meta-ethical approaches - Intuitionism	Intuitionism					
	The Contribution of H. A. Prichard					
	Challenges to Intuitionism					
F Meta-ethical approaches - Emotivism	Emotivism					
	Contribution of C. L. Stevenson					
	Challenges to emotivism					
Issues for analysis and evaluation	Are ethical and non-ethical statements the same?					
	To what extent are ethical statements objective?					
	Are moral terms intuitive?					
	Are moral terms just expressions of our emotions?					
	Are any of Naturalism, Intuitionism or Emotivism superior to the other theories?					
	To what extent do different meta-ethical theories encourage moral debate?					
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		Theme 2 DEF Deontological Ethics PLC		
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D John Finnis' development of Natural Law	The Basic Goods The Nine Requirements of Practical Reason Making decisions using the Seven Goods and Nine Requirements The Common Good and Authority			
E Bernard Hoose's Proportionalism	Hoose's Proportionalist Maxim Proportionalist Terminology Proportionalism as a hybrid of Natural Law Proportionality based on agape			
F Application of the Theory	The issues arising from immigration Application of NL to immigration The issues arising from capital punishment Application of NL to capital punishment			
Issues for analysis and evaluation	Is Finnis' NL acceptable in contemporary society? To what extent does Hoose's proportionalism promotes immoral behaviour? Do Finnis and/or Hoose provide a basis for moral decision making for believers? What are the strengths and weaknesses of Finnis' NL and/or Hoose's proportionalism? To what extent is Finnis' NL a better ethic than Hoose's proportionalism and vice versa?			
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A Religious Concepts of Predestination	Theme 4 ABC Determinism and Free Will			R
	Augustine: Doctrine of Original Sin John Calvin: Doctrine of Election Should religious believers accept predestination? To what extent does God predestine humanity?			A
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B Concepts of determinism	Philosophical Determinism: John Locke Scientific Determinism Psychological determinism (Ivan Pavlov) Soft Determinism: Thomas Hobbes Soft Determinism by A.J. Ayer To what extent does determinism illustrate that humanity has no free will? What are the strengths and weaknesses of Hard and/or Soft Determinism?			
C The implications of predestination/ determinism	Implications of Hard Determinism on Moral Responsibility Implications of Soft Determinism on Moral Responsibility Implications of Hard Determinism on Religious Belief Implications of Predestination on Religious Belief Is moral responsibility an illusion?			
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