_A Level Philosophy & Ethics

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3.1 Ethical Thought: 3.1A Divine Command Theoory

1. I can explain DCT as a meta-ethical theory which states that God is the origin and regulator of morality.			
2. I can explain key features of DCT: God as creator, based on God's will/command, divine omniscience and omnipotence, objective truth			
3. I can explain the Euthyphro dilemma: "Is the holy approved by the Gods because it is holy, or is it holy because it is approved?"			
4. I can explain Robert Adam's 'Modified DCT' based on God's omnibenevolence: morality is complying with the demands of a loving God.			
5. I can explain challenges to DCT: Euthyphro dilemma, arbitrariness problem, pluralism objection.			
6. I can evaluate whether morality can be reduced to what God commands and refer to other scholars to support my view.			

3.1 Ethical Thought: 3.1B Virtue Ethics

1. I can define keywords: Arete, Ethos, Eudaimonia, Hexis, Akrasia, Akrates, Enkrates and Sophron			
2. I can define key features of Arete Ethics: Character-based, the Golden Mean (neither excess nor deficiency), relativistic			
3. I can explain Aristotle's view of VE: moral v/s intellectual virtues, doctrine of the mean, the 4 key virtues.			
4. I know Matthew 5:3-12 and can explain Jesus' teaching on virtues i.e. the 8 beatitudes.			
5. I can explain challenges: not a practical guide to moral behaviour, cultural relativism (non-universal) and can be used for immoral acts.			
6. I can evaluate VE: doing good v/s being good, is it practical/useful, compare to DCT and Ethical Egoism.			

3.1 Ethical Thought: 3.1C Ethical Egoism

1. I can define keywords: Altruism, ethical egoism, psychological egoism, eigenheit, community ethos, bigotry			
2. I can explain key features of EE: Normative, Agent-focussed, based on long term self-interest, subjective			
3. I can explain Peter Cave's and Julian Driver's discussion on psychological v/s ethical egoism			
4. I can explain Max Stirner's Ethical Egoism: 'self'-interest, false notions of 'liberty', not driven by material gain, union of egoists			
5. I can explain challenges to EE: destroys community ethos, social injustice, a form of bigotry			

6. I can evaluate EE: does it lead to moral evil? Are moral actions motivated by self-interest? Compare with DCT & Virtue Ethics.			

3.1 Ethical Thought: 3.1D Naturalism

1. I can define keywords: Naturalism, meta-ethics, Cognitivism, Moral Realism, Hume's Law, Naturalistic Fallacy, Open Question			
2. I can explain key features of Naturalism: scientific approach, cognitivist, verifiable or falsifiable, objective, universal.			
3. I can explain FH Bradley's view: moral statements are propositions using objective features of the world and expressed in scientific terms			
4. I can explain Hume's Law: the is-ought problem.			
5. I can explain GE Moore's challenge: The Naturalistic Fallacy and the Open Question Argument			
6. I can evaluate whether ethical and non-ethical statements are the same, and to what extent ethical statements are not objective.			

3.1 Ethical Thought: 3.1E Intuitionism

1. I can define keywords: Intuition, infallibility, Naturalistic Fallacy, non-Cognitivism, non-naturalism / non-realism			
2. I can explain key features of Intuitionism: objective moral laws & values, indefinable, innate, universal.			
3. I can explain H.A.Pritchard's view: 'ought to do' has no definition, use of intuition, two ways of thinking (general & moral)			
4. I can explain challenges: no proof intuition exists, intuitive 'truths' differ widely, no obvious way to resolve the conflict			
5. I can analyse and evaluate to what extent moral terms are intuitive			
6. I can compare and contrast Naturalism, Intuitionism and Emotivism, and evaluate if one of them is superior to the others			

3.1 Ethical Thought: 3.1F Emotivism

1. I can define keywords: Emotivism, non-cognitivism, moral non-realism, logical positivism, analytic v/s synthetic statements			
2. I can explain key features of emotivism: moral non-realism, non-Cognitivism, expression of approval / disapproval			
3. I can explain AJ Ayer's view: non-verifiable nor analytic, expressions of emotion, persuasive, not subjectivism.			
4. I can explain challenges: nihilism, ethical debate becomes a pointless activity, no universal agreement that some actions are wrong			
5. I can compare and contrast Naturalism, Intuitionism and Emotivism, and evaluate if one of them is superior to the others			
6. I can analyse and evaluate the extent to which different meta-ethical theories encourage moral debate			

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