

Instructions: Write your name (legibly). Give what you think is the best answer to each question.

What is philosophy?

What makes an argument good?

Consider an argument: *All flowers have petals. Roses have petals. Therefore, roses are flowers.*

Is this a good argument? Why or why not?

Consider another argument: *If the moon is made of bleu cheese, then there are leprechauns on the moon. The moon is made of bleu cheese. Therefore, there are leprechauns on the moon.*

Is this a good argument? Why or why not?

Consider also this argument: We all have a strong intuition that torturing babies is wrong. Therefore, torturing babies is probably wrong, regardless of any arguments or evidence suggesting otherwise.

Is this a good argument? Why or why not?

Consider this common argument: *So-and-so is biased. Therefore, So-and-so is wrong.*

Is this a good argument? Why or why not?

Consider this argument as well: I usually get As in other courses. Therefore, if I do not get an A in this course, then my professor for this course has probably made an error.

Is this a good argument? Why or why not?

Consider one more argument: *So-and-so's argument is bad. Therefore, So-and-so's conclusion is false.*

Is this a good argument? Why or why not?

Explain why you agree or disagree with the following claim.

There is a clear difference between philosophy and science. (I.e., we can easily determine whether something counts as either philosophy or science.)

Explain why you agree or disagree with the following claim.

We don't need philosophy. Science is enough.

Explain why you agree or disagree with the following claim.

Legitimate scientific progress is objective, unbiased, and morally neutral..

Explain why you agree or disagree with the following claim.

If morality were relative, then we could never criticize or condemn anything.

Explain why you agree or disagree with the following argument?

Discriminating between species is as bad as discriminating between races, genders, etc.

Discriminating between races, genders, etc. is wrong.

Therefore discriminating between species is wrong.

Therefore it is just as wrong to eat non-human animals as it is to eat human animals.

How many paragraphs am I supposed to write for Paper 1? (A) 5 (B) 10 (C) 15 (D) 2 (E) 3

How many paragraphs am I supposed to write for Paper 2? (A) 5 (B) 10 (C) 15 (D) 2 (E) 3

Explain your favorite course policy in one to two sentences (total).