

Essay topics

1. Can morality be given an objective grounding by appealing to facts about human nature?
2. What is the social contract theory and what are its qualities as a theory? And what are its limitations, if any?
3. “No living human being with a spark of pity could let a living thing suffer so, to no good end”. What is the best argument for euthanasia, and does it give enough support, or not, for the practice of euthanasia?
4. Does a person have a *right* to live? If yes, does that mean that it is always wrong to kill a person?
5. What is the moral problem with abortion? Identify what you consider to be the best argument for the view that abortion is wrong, and the best argument for the view that abortion is not always wrong. Assess both arguments and give reasons for your favoured position.
6. Should the environment be protected to serve the needs of humans, or does the environment have *intrinsic value*?
7. What, if anything, justifies civil disobedience?
8. Identify what you take to be the best argument *against* the death penalty; then the best argument *for* the death penalty. Assess both arguments and give reasons for your favoured position.
9. What is utilitarianism? What is revolutionary about this theory? What are its main problems, if any?
10. What arguments are there for taking animal rights seriously?
11. In what sense does racism ignore impartiality and equality among people?

Please read carefully what is asked in each topic. Read carefully the guidelines on how to write a philosophy paper. Do your research carefully, outline what you want to say, and think about it, before starting to write. Re-write and make things clearer as many times as possible. Remember, you should:

- * Be clear and consistent in using the argumentative format
- * Display knowledge of the issues
- * Make good use of materials both within and outside the class assignments
- * Be exact in writing, in both grammar and formatting
- * Use correct documentation

Good luck and good work