



School of Business and Economics

Exam: Ethics

Course code: E\_EOR2\_ETH

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Date:

Time:

Exam time:

Calculator allowed: No

Graphing calculator allowed: No

Number of questions: 4

Type of questions: Open

Answers in : English or Dutch

Comments:

You must answer the questions on the exam form in the available space. Do not use more words than indicated.

Distribution of available points: For questions 1 to 4 you can get a maximum of 25 points per question.

Grades: De cijfers worden bekend gemaakt via Canvas op

Inspection: To be announced

**Good luck!**

1. Knowledge questions (25 points in total: 5 points per question)

- a. What is the difference and what is the similarity between utilitarianism and virtue ethics?  
(Maximum 100 words)

- b. On which two principles is the free market founded? What is the most important moral objection to free market thinking (Maximum 100 words)

- c. Why is the freedom of the market (the freedom of choice of the consumer), according to Kant, not true freedom? (Maximum 50 words)

- d. d. What does Rawls mean with the difference principle? (Maximum 50 words)

- e. What does moral individualism mean? (Maximum 50 words)

2. Application of the theory

Badaracco uses the concept “defining moment”. A) What does he mean with this concept? B) Who have to deal with those defining moments (Who is concerned)? C) Make clear that Badaracco makes use of a pluralistic ethics. D) How do you characterize the theory of Badaracco (what type of ethical theory does he offer? E) Give an example of such a defining moment. (Maximum 250 words, in total 25 points)

3. Application of the theory

During the lecture the tobacco industry's responsibility for the lung cancer of cigarette smokers was discussed.

*A) Reconstruct briefly the "smokers" case. What is the issue? Who is held responsible? What does the public prosecutor do and why? (5 points) B) There is a criminal prosecution. Why is this remarkable? In your answer, use Sandel's vision on the use of the market mechanism? (5 points) C) Arguably explain why it is justified in a moral sense to hold a collective responsibility. (10 points) D) What is the objection of, among others, Milton Friedman to the reasoning stated under c? (maximum of 400 words, 25 points)*

4. The Trolley case was discussed during the lecture. Following the Trolley case, we discussed the way in which a self-driving car should be programmed to make a responsible decision in a situation in which a mother with two children unexpectedly crosses the road. The car has to make a choice (to crash against the concrete wall or to drive over the mother and the children and probably killing them). A) Give a general description of the algorithm that should be developed for this car. What would the algorithm look like? B) What is the aim of the algorithm? C) What instructions would you formulate? D) Which moral principles should the algorithm weigh? How should they be included in the algorithm? (Maximum of 400 words. 25 points.)