

Computer Ethics
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You can use the Code of Ethics and a dictionary at this exam

1 What is the difference between act utilitarianism and rule utilitarianism? Explain and use one or more examples to illustrate the difference.

2 In Michael Davis' article on whistle blowing, it is stated that the standard theory mentions five conditions for whistle-blowing to be morally required. Describe three of these five conditions.

3 Thaler and Sunstein describe 'nudges' as a class of permissible interventions in choice contexts. Give an example of a nudge that is allowable according to Thaler and Sunstein and give one argument why this example nudge is problematic (according to other scholars or according to yourself)

4 According to Kant, it is never permissible to use another human being merely as a means to an end. Explain what he means by this by giving one example related to privacy, intellectual property, or hacking.

5 You feel that a co-worker is clearly not competent to work on the same project as you, and the co-worker's buggy contributions make the rest of the team work overtime to fix these problems. In this company, complaints about co-workers can only be issued in written form, so the others working in the project ask you, as project manager, to write a formal complaint to management. You do not need to write the report for this exam, but find at least three principles/paragraphs from the code of ethics that you can use to support your complaint. For each, write down the whole principle, and explain why it is relevant.

6 According to Riva et al there are three features of personal experience that can be manipulated by means of technology: hedonic, eudaimonic, and social/interpersonal, and they use 'flow' as an example of the eudaimonic level. Briefly explain what they mean by the 'eudaimonic' level, and explain what the requirements are for something to generate a 'flow'-experience.