

Philosophy Made Simple

Ethics 4: Kantian Ethics (pp. 35-42)

Always answer on a separate sheet in **full** sentences and with examples where possible. Blend quotes into your own sentences if you can't paraphrase an answer. Look for the sub-headings – they are at the start of each section. (/16)

Section 1 *Kantian Ethics*

- i. How does the reality that many happy people aren't virtuous lead Kant to believe in God? (1)
- ii. Read p. 36. What does it mean to "act from inclination"? What does it mean to "act from duty"? (2)
- iii. Why is it not enough to act "in accord with duty"? (1)
- iv. What do you think Kant means by acting from "a sense of duty"? (pp. 37-38) (1)
- v. According to Kant, how should every action be judged? (1)

Section 2 *The Categorical Imperative*

- vi. What is a "hypothetical imperative"? (1)
- vii. Explain, in your own words, the meaning of the "categorical imperative". (2)
- viii. Why does Kant argue that we should treat people as "ends", not "means"? (1)

Section 3 *Criticism of Kant*

- ix. How is Kant's thinking similar to Plato's? (1)
- x. How does the example of the surgeon demonstrate that we must include motives in moral analysis? (1)
- xi. Why does Kant's theory overlap with the value of consistency? (1)
- xii. Explain the three criticisms of Kant's moral theory. (3)