2.1 Optional themes and the prescribed text

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Objective

Run the ethics three-way debate, apply the epistemology toolkit (Gettier, rationalism vs empiricism), and read a prescribed text with the fourfold read – context, claims, arguments, critique (optional themes; prescribed text).

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

Themes + text toolkit. Ethics: consequentialism (outcomes; utilitarianism), deontology (duty; the categorical imperative), virtue ethics (character; the phronimos), each with its signature burden. Epistemology: JTB and Gettier (the stopped clock; responses: no false lemmas, reliabilism, virtue); rationalism vs empiricism with Kant's synthesis. Aesthetics: the definition of art; disinterested pleasure. Religion: the three arguments; the problem of evil. Science: induction, falsification, paradigms, realism. Political: contract, liberty (negative/positive; Mill), justice (Rawls vs Nozick). Social: the social self; Marx; de Beauvoir. Text: fourfold read – context, claims, arguments, critique.

2 Practice

2.1 State consequentialism and its signature burden. [2]

2.2 State the categorical imperative's first formulation and one objection to it. [3]

2.3 Explain Gettier's problem with the stopped-clock case. [3]

2.4 Distinguish rationalism from empiricism in one sentence each. [2]

2.5 Name the four moves of the fourfold text read. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 *(Ethics essay style.)* A city must either divert a runaway tram to kill one (trapped) person or let it kill five. Run the case through consequentialism and deontology, and evaluate which theory guides better here – noting each theory's burden. [6]

3.2 *(Epistemology style.)* "The stopped clock shows knowledge needs more than justification." Evaluate: does Gettier break justified true belief, and does reliabilism fix it? [5]

3.3 *(Text style.)* Apply the fourfold read to a text passage that argues: "I doubt everything; yet in doubting, I exist." [4]