

Philosophy 305: Business Ethics, Exam 1
Due Date: March 5

Directions: Write a short answer of 3-4 pages to each of the following based on class lectures/discussions and on your reading of both texts:

1. A) Why should anyone in business aim to be ethical in their business dealings? What limits are there on the pursuit of profits in business and how we conduct ourselves in the workplace? What obligations and ethical concerns, if any, should guide business and why?
 B) Discuss Morris's virtue ethics/Aristotelian view of business. What are its central features? How does it make sense or fail to make sense in providing an understanding of humans and business? What do you think would weigh in favor or against actually implementing such a view?

2. What are the central problems of pursuing capitalism within the two main conceptions of democracy discussed by Audi? How are Rawls principles of justice important in this? Identify the key element(s) of the main ethical theories we covered and show how they provide insight in addressing the question of ethical business. How does the question of ethics overlap with but differ from the issues of constitutional democracy, law, and rights? What is the relationship between rights and ethics and what problems are there with rights based ethics?

3. A) How does Audi's "pluralist universalism" bring together the various approaches to ethics toward something useful in guiding ethical decisions in business? Show how the legal and ethical concerns discussed by Audi in Chapters 1-3 lead to his 10 prima facie obligations. What are the basic values these obligations aim to uphold and why? How does Audi then use this to develop a model for making difficult ethical decisions?
 B) Integrate Audi's and Morris's decision making processes into one showing what challenges we face and how to go about making ethical business decisions. (This integrated model or protocol will be used in exams 2 and 3 as well as your term paper)