Due: Beginning of Class, Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Hand in hard copy. Staple all pages. Include your name and the HW #. Please include the question title in front of each answer, to identify which answer is which.

1. Duty vs. Consequences

Give one example of a situation in which your action would be primarily motivated by a sense of duty or obligation. Give one example of a situation in which your action would be primarily motivated by its expected consequences.

2. Divine Command

Provide a critique on the Divine Command Theory. Include both "for" and "against" arguments. The more aspects you can think of, the better.

3. Copyright Infringement

People give a variety of reasons for copying a music CD from a friend instead of buying it. Refute each of the reasons given below using one of the ethical theories.

- (a) The retail price is too high. The company is gouging the customers.
- (b) Since I wouldn't have bought it anyway, the company didn't lose a sale.
- (c) I'm giving my friend the opportunity to do a good deed.
- (d) Everyone else is doing it. Why should I be the only person to buy it when everyone else is getting it for free?
- (e) This is insignificant compared to the billions of dollars worth of music being exchanged over the Internet.

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4. Favorite Ethical Framework

If you have to choose only one of the ethical theories studied in class and use it for all of your personal ethical decision-making, which theory would you choose? Why? How would you respond to the arguments raised against the theory you have chosen?

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