**PHSC 1630 DRAFTING WORKSHEET**

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**Normative Theories to be evaluated:**

**Theory #1** (What perspective will you **criticize/attack**?): \_ethical egoism

vs

**Theory #2** (What perspective will you **defend**?): \_\_utilitarianism

1. **THESIS STATEMENT. Demonstrate an understanding of how to write an explicit thesis statement for an argumentative essay (1 point).**

Write the *succinct* thesis statement you intend to include in your introductory paragraph. Be explicit; just because you assert “X is better than Y” does not mean that you intend to defend that position here. In 1-2 sentences, state *explicitly* for your readers what you intend to accomplish in this essay.

**Utilitarianism is concerned with the outcome of an action, meaning that it is determined on the right or wrong consequences of what’s brought about in the situation, maximizing the best outcome for the greater good. This (utilitarianism) is more beneficial then ethical egoism which only considers the outcome for the singular person concerned with their own happiness even if it harms others.**

1. **PRINCIPLE OF CHARITY. Demonstrate an ability to provide a statement of charity which demonstrates your ability to empathize and understand why someone might hold to the position with which you disagree. (1 point).**

Concerning the theory you intend to attack (Theory #1), provide a statement that acknowledges either a good point that your opponent’s perspective raises or else an understandable reason as to why your opponent may have come to the conclusion that Theory #1 may *seem* to be correct. This should ***not*** be a *back-handed* charity (e.g., “It is understandable how one might come to this conclusion since we can be really selfish at times”), and you should refrain from both *ad hominem* and strawman fallacies here.

One might come to agree with the values of ethical egoism because of the idea that all actions are derived for your own good and most of the laws of society are based on these values.

1. **POLEMIC & APOLOGETIC. Demonstrate an ability to think carefully about the arguments both *for and against* each of the theories in question, and *why* it seems reasonable to conclude that Theory #1 is problematic and Theory #2 is superior to Theory #1. (1 point).**

* + Concerning the view with which you *disagree* (Theory #1):

* + - What is the strongest argument\* in favor of that view?

Everyone is for themselves and that means you find your own true happiness in any way that you please.

* + - What do you believe to be the strongest defeater of that view?

Ethical egoism could go as far as hurting others to find your true happiness, which in some cases could amount to the act of committing murder or rape.

* + Concerning the view you intend to defend (Theory #2):

* + - What do you believe to be the strongest argument\* (i.e., line of reasoning) that you will put forward in defense of *your* own position? Why do you believe it to be so strong?

The idea of taking the majority of societies emotions and concerns into account, so that the majority benefit from a particular decision is a strong argument in that the greater good have a better way of life.

* + - Expecting naysayers, what do you think is the greatest weakness of your theory? How should you respond to such a criticism?

Not every one will be satisfied with the outcome of a particular action, ex: taking resources from a smaller country to benefit a larger country, however more people are being benefitted than in pain in this sense, which is exactly what Bentham had believed in.

*\* Remember, an assertion (a mere statement) is not an argument; an argument consists of at least two premises which create a rational sense of flow that forces one to consider a possible conclusion.*

**IV. SYNTHESIS OF IDEAS. Demonstrate an ability to cite properly attributed quotes from *two* qualified authorities from academic literature in the field of philosophy. (1 point).**

* Provide each quote with its attribution in full sentences.

Example:

“According to Aristotle…” or “As philosopher Louis Pojman has argued…”

* Beneath each quotation, provide a space (hit the “Enter” key twice), and then give the full citation (including page number) for that quotation. *Be sure that you are using academically acceptable sources (primary or secondary, and not tertiary or informal) or you will not receive points.*

Examples:

Name. *Title*. City, State: Publishing Co., YEAR. Pp. # - ##. Last name, First name. YEAR. “Journal Essay/Article Title” *Journal Information*. Pp. # - ##. Etc. (Format/order will change according to the style you use, but bibliographic information is the same).

1. CITATION #1:

“Nature has placed mankind under the governance of two sovereign masters, pain and pleasure. It is for them alone to point out what we ought to do, as well as to determine what we shall do”, Bentham, Jeremy, “Utilitarianism” (progressive publishing company, 1890,), page 5)

1. CITATION #2: