

Study Guide for Fundamentals of Ethics

Chapter 5: Kant's Moral Theory

1. Discuss what, for Kant, gives an act moral worth.
2. Distinguish between a hypothetical imperative and a categorical imperative.
3. Explain the first formulation of the categorical imperative, including the terms maxim and universal laws.
4. Explain the second formulation of the categorical imperative.
5. Explain Kant's distinction between perfect and imperfect duties.
6. Discuss the strengths of Kant's theory, and present objections that can be made against it.
7. Discuss the contemporary versions of Kantian moral philosophy as found in the theories of W.D. Ross and John Rawls.
8. Formulate your own opinion about the merits of Kantian moral theory.

Key Terms

Voluntary	Informed Consent	Intention
Moral Worth	Person	Motive
Hypothetical	Categorical	Imperative
Will	Unconditional	Autonomy
End	Means	Use
Perfect Duty	Imperfect Duty	Duty