



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

FINAL EXAMINATION 2021

COURSE: Philosophy 3B

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QUESTION PAPER: 1 **MARKS:** 100

SUBJECT CODE: PHL3AA3/FIL3A11

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(THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES)

1. SUBMIT YOUR ANSWERS VIA THE RESPECTIVE LINKS ON BLACKBOARD: SECTION A FOR DR SINGH, AND SECTION B FOR PROF SMART.
2. SHOULD YOU ENCOUNTER A TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEM IN SUBMITTING YOUR ANSWERS, EMAIL THE RESPECTIVE LECTURER(S) IMMEDIATELY AND ATTACH YOUR ANSWERS IN A WORD DOCUMENT.

SECTION A: Singh

Animal and Environmental Ethics [50 marks]

Write an **essay** in which you answer **one** of the following two questions:

1. "The planet would be better off without human beings." Critically discuss. (Do not merely give your own views; be sure to make meaningful and philosophically rigorous use of the contents of this module.) [50]

OR

2. Have the arguments against the exploitation of animals discussed in this module made you reconsider your views on the ethics of eating meat? If so, how? If not, why? Critically discuss. (Do not merely give your own views; be sure to make meaningful and philosophically rigorous use of the contents of this module.) [50]

SECTION B:

Philosophy of Science [50 marks]

By applying *only* the four tenets of Principlism, write a 1500 word essay in which you state which of the following patients should receive the only (currently) available liver transplant, and explain why you chose that patient over the others. You can, if you wish, compare your conclusions with those you would have reached, were you making your decision based only on an Act Utilitarian/Consequentialist ethical theory:

1. Ntombi: A 25 year-old recovering alcoholic (has not drunk in 6 months), with no children or other dependents. Ntombi is unemployed, and lives in an informal settlement. Aside from her liver, Ntombi is otherwise perfectly healthy, has never smoked, and has no criminal record. The transplant is a relatively low risk procedure for Ntombi, but without it she will not live longer than 5 years.
2. Richard: A 40 year-old banker from Sandton. Richard has two children, both of whom depend on him financially. Richard neither smokes nor drinks. The operation is high risk for Richard, who has a number of comorbidities. Without the operation, Richard will not live longer than 3 months. However, a full recovery *is* possible.
3. Kabelo: A 12 year-old child with stage four cancer in his liver and lung. Kabelo has neither smoked nor drunk in his life, and was the victim of child abuse until he was recently adopted by new, loving parents. The liver transplant will extend his life by a maximum of 12 months.
4. Madiva: An 80 year-old benevolent female president of a previously colonised African country. The hopes and dreams of a nation rest on Madiva's survival for the next 5 years, and the liver transplant has a 50% chance of achieving that goal. Madiva used to drink and smoke, but has done neither for 12 months.

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