

## Ethics and Politics Review Sheet

1. What is utilitarianism? What have to say? What rules did Bentham and Mill use when evaluating ethical situations? What are some criticisms of utilitarianism? What is diminishing marginal utility?
2. What did David Hume have to say about ethics? Know the questions from the article.
3. What is Kant's categorical imperative? What are the underlying ideas behind Kantian ethics?
4. In the Sinbad the Sailor story, who did/do you label most reprehensible? Why?
5. What is ethical egoism? What is psychological egoism? Know the questions from the article on egoism. What does Adam Smith have to say about economic egoism?
6. Explain the biological basis of ethics as proposed by E. O. Wilson. What other 'unethical' behaviours do you feel may have a biological base? Does this 'excuse' this unethical behaviour?
7. Why does Contractualism play a role in many lives? Make sure you know the questions from the article.
8. Think about your ethics. How do you know which ethical system to apply to which decision?
9. What does Plato think is the best political system? What is a Philosopher King? What is The Republic?
10. What is natural law for Aristotle? Relate this to Locke's liberalism.
11. What is Marx's view of history? Relate Marx's views to Hegel's. What are the basics of communism? What is alienation?
12. John Rawls came up with the idea of 'Justice as Fairness'. What are the basic principles? What is overlapping consensus?
13. Dworkin argues for a conception of distributive justice, liberal equality, where distribution is ambition sensitive, but endowment insensitive. What does this mean?
14. What do libertarians think the role of government is? Look at Nozick's libertarian views of justice. What does he think about distributive justice? What does he prefer? What does Gauthier think? What is rational bargaining?
15. What does Strauss think the three rules of government should be?
16. What does Machiavelli suggest in The Prince?

17. Review how politics affects science from the science unit.
18. Outline Hegel's dialectic. What is the Self-consciousness of Absolute Spirit? What is zeitgeist?
19. How does Aristotle's character ethics influence ethical decisions? What does it mean to suggest a virtue is the mean of two vices?
20. How is X-phi related to trolley-ology? Is it possible to turn philosophy into an experimental subject?