

CS 495 Spring 2008

Quiz One

Directions: Please answer each question completely. Use any course readings & notes which you believe will be helpful. Answers must be handed in on Wednesday, March 26th during class. Quiz must be typed (printed), stapled and in paper format. No emails accepted. Save a backup copy of each quiz.

1. (25%) Describe utilitarianism. Include in your answer its relevant features, how it is justified by its supporters, how it operates and what criticisms have been raised against its use.

2. (25%) Describe deontological theory. As with question one, include in your answer its relevant features, how it is justified by supporters, how it operates and what criticisms have been raised against its use.

3. (25%) Does technology *determine* or *influence* ethics and / or law? Give historical (or contemporary) evidence in support of your position. Note: you may answer this question in the negative, giving reasons for your view as well as historical or contemporary supporting evidence.

4. (25%) How can such different theories as the deontological and utilitarian positions generate similar ethical conclusions? Illustrate your explanation with examples. Hint: Carefully re-read the Johnson & Nissenbaum article which you have downloaded.

Quiz Evaluation and Recommendations:

40% Use of Course Material	-----	Remember to refer to readings & notes
40% Comprehensiveness & Clarity strengths	-----	Cover the entire topic which the question <u>reasonably</u> suggests, including and weaknesses, criticisms, examples, hypotheticals and exceptions.
20% Creativity & Originality	-----	Give your opinion and reflections on the issues (after fulfilling the above-listed requirements). Suggest possible additional perspectives, based on your own experiences or readings.