
The following writing prompts comprise Exam 2.

Choose 3 questions from each section and answer them fully.

I. FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS OF LUCK

1. **Nagel's Understanding of Luck**

How does Thomas Nagel define "moral luck"? Explain how his view challenges the idea that moral responsibility requires control.

2. **Williams on Luck and Rational Justification**

According to Bernard Williams, how does luck affect an agent's ability to rationally justify their actions? Use the Gaudi case to illustrate.

3. **Pritchard's Modal Account of Luck**

What is Duncan Pritchard's modal definition of luck? How does this account aim to clarify which events count as lucky?

4. **Driver's Contrastivist Revision**

How does Julia Driver amend Pritchard's modal account of luck using contrastivism? What problem is she attempting to solve with this revision?

5. **Pritchard on Epistemic vs. Moral Luck**

According to Pritchard, what is the key distinction between moral and epistemic luck? Why does he believe this distinction is often blurred?

6. **Constitutive Luck in Nagel**

What is "constitutive luck" according to Nagel, and how does it complicate the notion that we are responsible only for what we do, not who we are?

II. TYPES OF LUCK AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

7. **Resultant Luck Across Authors**

How do Nagel and Driver differ in their treatment of resultant luck? What conclusions does each draw about its moral significance?

8. **Resultant Luck in Nagel and Williams**

How does resultant luck appear in the examples offered by Nagel and Williams? What

moral conclusions are each author drawing from these cases?

9. Driver on Moral Fortune vs. Moral Luck

How does Driver distinguish between “moral fortune” and “moral luck”? Why does she think this distinction is philosophically important?

10. Pritchard’s Critique of Nagel and Williams

Why does Pritchard argue that Nagel and Williams fail to clearly define luck in their respective accounts? What is the consequence of this for their arguments?

III. MORAL ASSESSMENT, JUSTIFICATION, AND REGRET

11. Williams on Retrospective Evaluation

In Williams’ view, what role does retrospective success play in evaluating morally risky decisions? How is this related to his broader view of justification?

12. Nagel on the Erosion of Moral Judgment

How does Nagel argue that applying the control condition consistently leads to the erosion of moral judgment? What paradox does this reveal?

13. Driver on Evaluating Recklessness and Outcomes

How does Driver use contrastivism to assess the blameworthiness of two equally reckless agents who face different outcomes? What does she conclude?

14. Agent-Regret vs. Moral Blame

What is the difference between agent-regret and moral blame in Williams’ account? Why does Williams think agent-regret plays an important moral role?

15. Reflective Luck in Pritchard’s Account

What does Pritchard mean by “reflective luck,” and how does it relate to epistemological skepticism? How does this concept influence his treatment of moral luck?