

**Contemporary Moral Issues
Midterm Examination Preparation
Spring 2017**

In preparation for the examination, it is best to re-read the relevant articles in the textbook with an eye to identifying and analyzing the important parts and arguments from those articles.

Part One: Short Answers. These require 5 to 10 line paragraph responses. Both will appear on the examination sheet. You will be asked to respond to one (1) the following questions. (5 %)

1. How important is access to medical care as a reason for repealing Canada's abortion law? Is it as important as fundamental justice?
2. Of the theories discussed in the introduction, which one do you prefer and why? Try to give good reasons for your preference.

Part Two: Longer Answers. These require essay-like responses with several paragraphs. All four will appear and you will write on two (2) of the following questions. Perhaps aim for around one to two double-spaced pages. (20%: 10 % each)

1. How much emphasis should be placed on willful intent (will to do wrong) in judging the seriousness of any moral or legal offense? Does its existence justify greater punishment for the offense?
2. Discuss how Marquis' argument shows that abortion is immoral. What problems can you identify in his argument?
3. Discuss Warren's criterion for inclusion in the moral community of persons and determine whether her strategy resolves the abortion debate.
4. In what ways does Sherwin's analysis represent the feminist approach to abortion? Does her contextual relational analysis, which focuses on the broader social and political context, convincingly address the moral status of abortion?