

University of Regina, Dept. of Philosophy
Midterm Examination, Summer 2017
Philosophy 276

This examination is worth 25% of your overall grade for this course. You may and should bring your textbook to the examination but no other notes or devices. At the least this will help you formulate your response to part III below. The following sections and questions will appear on the examination sheet.

Part I: The Professional Organization (10%) Please compose a long form essay-like response to one (1) of the following questions.

1. Thinking about Mintzberg's account of the professional organization, determine the seriousness of the issues of coordination, discretion and innovation.
2. Analyzing Bayles' account of the nature of professions, discuss the problems of monopolization and self-regulation and think about what implications follow from this.
3. What is Davis' argument for how professionals should follow rules? Does his position, that following the rules means interpretive obedience to the rules, resolve the problems of acting in accordance with professional codes of conduct?

Part II: The Professional-Client Relationship (10%) Please compose a long form essay-like response to one (1) of the following questions.

1. Discuss Bayles' attempt to develop a model of how professional-client relations should be governed. In giving an account of his fiduciary model, he states that "although the fiduciary model is appropriate throughout the range of competent clients and services, the less a client's knowledge and capacity to understand, the greater the responsibilities to the client." (p. 113)
2. Hall Jr. and Davis think that honesty to oneself is a central value in professional obligations. Discuss how far this honesty, or conscientiousness, should govern the obligations of professionals to their clients. Indeed both agree that there are conditions that justify a professional's refusal to serve the client.
3. Discuss how Meisel and Kuczewski's account of the myths and problems of informed consent lead to the formulation of how professionals should relate to their clients, or how physicians ought to relate to their patients. Does their account solve the problems associated with informed consent?

Part III: Case Studies (5%) Please compose a concise response to one (1) of the following cases and questions.

1. Case 1.1. Formulate a response to questions 3 or 5 on page 56.
2. Case 3.2. Formulate a response to question 1 on page 166.
3. Case 3.3. Formulate a response to question 1 on page 168.