

Essay task: Describe and evaluate the theory of utilitarianism

Plan

- 1. What are moral theories? Distinction between teleological and deontological theories**
- 2. Outline of main ideas of utilitarianism. What must the moral agent do?**
- 3. What problems does the theory have?**
- 4. How might a utilitarian respond to the problems? E.g. modifications to the theory (higher and lower pleasures, rule utilitarianism)**
- 5. Do the responses (in 4) work? Are there any problems with them?**
- 6. Conclusion. What do you think about the theory?**