

Study Guide for Fundamentals of Ethics

Chapter 4: Utilitarianism

1. Explain the basic moral principle of classical utilitarianism.
2. List Bentham's criteria for calculating the greatest amount of happiness.
3. Explain Mill's distinction between quality and quantity of pleasure.
4. List and discuss the major objections to utilitarianism.
5. Explain the difference between act and rule utilitarianism.
6. Explain the contemporary versions of utilitarianism: preference utilitarianism and cost-benefit analysis
7. Formulate your own opinion about the merits of utilitarianism.

Key Terms

Utility	Happiness	Pleasure	
Consequentialist	Intrinsic Good	Instrumental Good	
Epicureanism	Teleological	Net	Intensity
Fruitfulness	Likelihood	Quantity	Quality
Integrity	Ends	Means	Act Utilitarianism
Rule Utilitarianism	Preference	Desire	Cost-Benefit Analysis