Ethics: Examination № 1
The first examination will consist of a selection of the following questions. The examination will require you to write 6-8 pages total and should take about an hour. You should write your answers in a clear and organized way. The answers should be clear to someone who has not taken the course.

Terms (½ page)
Define the following terms. Use illustrations or examples as appropriate. Explain why the concept named by the term is important to an understanding of ethics.

- Consequentialism
- Utilitarianism
- Prima facie duty
- Presumptivism
- Pacifism
- Supreme Emergency

Distinctions (1 page)
Distinguish the terms by defining each in a way that highlights the difference between them. Use illustrations or examples as appropriate. Explain why the terms and the distinction is important to an understanding of ethics.

- Four kinds of rights
  - Jus ad bellum & jus in bello
  - Staatsraison & Kriegsraison

- Quantitative & Qualitative Hedonism
- Higher & Lower Pleasures
- Descriptive & Normative Relativism
Arguments (1½ pages)
State the argument explicitly, distinguishing clearly between premise and conclusion and putting each on a separate line. Review the department logic handout and my own Logic Review notes (both available on the course website) if necessary in preparing for this type of question.

The Doctrine of Swine Objection to Utilitarianism & Mill’s Reply

A utilitarian argument for a particular right (e.g. property rights, freedom of the press or the right to have an attorney when charged with a crime)

An argument that utilitarianism would justify injustices & Utilitarian replies

An argument for or against pacifism and a what a critic might say in objection to the argument you give

Essays (3 pages)
Write an essay on the topic assigned, incorporating definitions, distinctions, arguments, and illustrations and explaining why this matter is important to an understanding of ethics.

Mill vs. Ross on how to determine whether an act is right or wrong

Just-War Theory on the moral evaluation of particular wars