

Lesson 8

■ Writing Assignment

Directions: Be sure to make an electronic copy of your answer before submitting it to Ashworth College for grading. Unless otherwise stated, answer in complete sentences, and be sure to use correct English spelling and grammar. Sources must be cited in APA format. Your response should be two (2) pages in length; refer to the "Assignment Format" page for specific format requirements.

1. What is traditional utilitarianism? With traditional utilitarianism, how do you determine what the moral thing to do on any particular occasion might be? Include mention of the four (4) considerations to determine what the moral thing to do on any particular occasion might be.
2. Why is utilitarianism attractive to many? Discuss three (3) reasons.
3. What is the ecological ethic?
4. How does utilitarianism support the ecological ethic?

Grading Rubric

Please refer to the rubric below for the grading criteria for this assignment.

CATEGORY	Exemplary	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unacceptable
Traditional Utilitarianism Defined (10 points)	10 points Student provides a clear, logical description of traditional utilitarianism.	8 points Student provides a mostly clear, logical description of traditional utilitarianism.	5 points Student provides a weak or unclear description of traditional utilitarianism.	2 points Student provides a poor discussion of description of traditional utilitarianism.
Traditional Utilitarianism Considerations (15 points)	15 points Student provides a clear, logical discussion of how to determine the moral right with traditional utilitarianism, including 4 considerations.	12 points Student provides a mostly clear, logical discussion of how to determine the moral right with traditional utilitarianism, including 4 considerations.	8 points Student provides a weak or unclear discussion of how to determine the moral right with traditional utilitarianism, including 4 considerations.	5 points Student provides a poor discussion of how to determine the moral right with traditional utilitarianism, including 4 considerations.
Utilitarianism Attractive (15 points)	15 points Student provides a clear, logical discussion of why utilitarianism is attractive to many.	12 points Student provides a mostly clear, logical discussion of why utilitarianism is attractive to many.	8 points Student provides a weak or unclear discussion of why utilitarianism is attractive to many.	5 points Student provides a poor discussion of why utilitarianism is attractive to many.
Ecological Ethic (10 points)	10 points Student provides a clear, logical description of the ecological ethic.	8 points Student provides a mostly clear, logical description of the ecological ethic.	5 points Student provides a weak or unclear description of the ecological ethic.	2 points Student provides a poor description of the ecological ethic.
Utilitarianism Supports Ecological Ethic (20 points)	20 points Student provides a clear, logical discussion of how utilitarianism supports the ecological ethic.	15 points Student provides a mostly clear, logical discussion of how utilitarianism supports the ecological ethic.	10 points Student provides a weak or unclear discussion of how utilitarianism supports the ecological ethic.	5 points Student provides a poor discussion of how utilitarianism supports the ecological ethic.
Mechanics (20 Points)	20 points Student makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	15 points Student makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	10 points Student makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	5 points Student makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.
Format (10 Points)	10 points The paper is written in proper format. All sources used for quotes and facts are credible and cited correctly.	8 points The paper is written in proper format with only 1-2 errors. All sources used for quotes and facts are credible and most are cited correctly.	5 points The paper is written in proper format with only 3-5 errors. Most sources used for quotes and facts are credible and cited correctly.	2 points The paper is not written in proper format. Many sources used for quotes and facts are less than credible (suspect) and/or are not cited correctly.