

ETHICAL THEORY

Analytic Summary: Grading Rubric

Student:

Points Earned:

Grader:

Normalized Grade:

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Mediocre	Unacceptable
General Requirements				
Follows the "General Technical Requirements for Written Assignments" (on page 13 of the syllabus).	0	-2	-4	-5
Followed the conventions of standard English, with no errors hindering comprehension.	0	-2	-4	-5
Organized to convey ideas clearly in a logical fashion.	0	-2	-4	-5
Followed the instructions concerning this paper's topic.	0	-8	-16	-20
Introduction: Background & Statement of the Central Position				
Begins with a brief introductory paragraph that is no more than four sentences long.	0	-2	-4	-5
Clearly and correctly identifies the central position (or main thesis) of the Argument Under Analysis (AUA).	5	4	2	0
Clearly presents any background information and explains any terminology necessary for someone unfamiliar with the AUA to readily understand its central position. <i>(This criteria also applies to claims made the body of this paper.)</i>	15	12	6	0
Body: Justification of the Central Position				
Clearly and correctly identifies the principle premises, reasons and/or evidence offered in support for the central position by the AUA.	15	12	6	0
Clearly and correctly identifies why these premises, reasons, and/or evidence are thought to be plausible, compelling, and difficult to deny by the AUA.	25	20	10	0
Clearly and correctly identifies the structure of the inferences used to show how those premises, reasons, and/or evidence are supposed to entail the central position of the AUA.	25	20	10	0
Summarizes these elements of the AUA using the student's own words and neither those of the AUA's original author nor those of the professor.	5	4	2	0
Remains neutral concerning the merits and faults of the AUA.	5	4	2	0
Remains focused on the AUA's defense of its central position without being distracted by inessential details.	10	8	4	0
No Conclusion				
The paper ends once it has finished summarizing the AUA. There is no concluding paragraph summarizing the paper or explaining the consequences that result from accepting the AUA's central claim.	0	-2	-4	-5
Overall, demonstrates full comprehension of the AUA while adroitly summarizing its argumentative structure.	5	4	2	0