

Exam Environmental Ethics & Sustainable Development

GEO4- 2323

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15.00-17.00h
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Write clearly and succinctly.

Write your name on the paper.

You are allowed to leave from 15.30h (because there may be students coming in late).

There are 11 questions, 10 points per question, 100 points maximum total. Choose 1 question you don't answer. Be clear about which question you don't answer.

Good luck!

1. Robin Attfield proposes his own theory in his book *Environmental Ethics*.
 - a. What is his theory called? (1 point)
 - b. Explain his theory briefly. (5 points)
 - c. What critique can be given about this theory? (4 points)
2.
 - a. Name three moral theories (3 points)
 - b. Give the 'Green version' of each of them (3 points)
 - c. Give one point of critique for each of these theories (in general or applied to the environment). (4 points)
3. What is the difference between *moral agents* and *moral patients*? (10 points)
4.
 - a. What is meant by the 'scale of suffering'? (4 points)
 - b. What is its moral relevance? (6 points)
5. Philosopher Peter Singer argues for an expanding circle of morality. What is, according to him, the motor of the expanding? (10 points)
6. What is the difference between Peter Singer and Tom Regan regarding the moral status of animals? (10 points)
7.
 - a. The book by Naomi Orestes & Erik Conway is called *Merchants of Doubt*. What is meant with the title? (5 points)
 - b. Floris van den Berg made the analogy between debating environmental skeptics and debating creationist/Intelligent Design proponents. Explain the analogy. (5 points)
8.
 - a. What is the difference between 'despotism' and 'enlightened despotism'? (8 points)
 - b. Give an example of each. (2 points)
9. In what sense is Arne Naess' philosophy 'deep'? (10 points)
10.
 - a. What is (according to Attfield) global citizenship? (5 points)
 - b. What does this have to do with sustainable development? (5 points)
11. What is the difference between 'sustainability' and 'sustainable development'? (10 points)