

PHIL 201 Business and Professional Ethics Essay Questions

Length: 1800 words

Worth: 40%

Submission:

Assignments must be submitted online. A link will be provided on the PHIL 201 iLearn homepage.

Important: Your essay must incorporate a detailed discussion and analysis of the relevant arguments presented in at least two* of the assigned readings for your chosen topic. This means you should include assessments of opposing viewpoints and objections. Remember to state your own view clearly and to defend it using some of the theoretical resources (theories, principles) we have discussed in class. (*Some questions ask you to address arguments from more than two sources. In these cases you should examine all the relevant arguments in detail. I would recommend using four to five sources in total. You do not need to discuss the arguments from every source in the same detail. Please use the readings from the unit reading list relevant to your topic.)

Answer the following questions:

1. What moral obligations do corporations have to the various stakeholders in a firm, including to society more generally? Answer this question with reference to the views of Milton Friedman, Evan and Freeman and Kenneth Goodpaster, making sure to explain the strengths and weaknesses of their competing positions. Which approach provides the most convincing account of the social responsibilities of business? Give detailed reasons for your answer.