Due: Beginning of Class, Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Hand in hard copy. Staple all pages. Include your name and the HW #. Please include the question title in front of each answer, to identify which answer is which.

1. Duty vs. Consequences

Give one example of a situation in which your action would be primarily motivated by a sense of duty or obligation. Give one example of a situation in which your action would be primarily motivated by its expected consequences.

2. Divine Command

Provide a critique on the Divine Command Theory. Include both “for” and “against” arguments. The more aspects you can think of, the better.

3. Copyright Infringement

People give a variety of reasons for copying a music CD from a friend instead of buying it. Refute each of the reasons given below using one of the ethical theories.

(a) The retail price is too high. The company is gouging the customers.

(b) Since I wouldn’t have bought it anyway, the company didn’t lose a sale.

(c) I’m giving my friend the opportunity to do a good deed.

(d) Everyone else is doing it. Why should I be the only person to buy it when everyone else is getting it for free?

(e) This is insignificant compared to the billions of dollars worth of music being exchanged over the Internet.
4. Favorite Ethical Framework

If you have to choose only one of the ethical theories studied in class and use it for all of your personal ethical decision-making, which theory would you choose? Why? How would you respond to the arguments raised against the theory you have chosen?