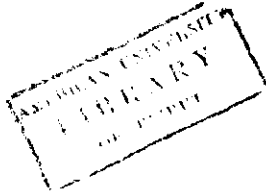


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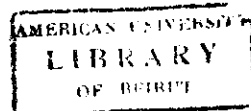


Part One: Choose 5 of the following short-answer questions (50 points):

1. What is the difference between a hypothetical and a categorical imperative, in Kant's ethics? Give an example of a hypothetical imperative.
2. Explain what Bacon means by 'idols of the cave', and give an example.
3. Explain the deductive method and give an example (of your own) of a deductive argument.
4. In the Leviathan, Hobbes says that all men are 'equal' in the 'state of nature'. Why?
5. Why, according to Locke, is the right of property a 'natural right'?
6. Give an example of an action which would make Bentham and Kant disagree on its ethical qualities.

Part Two: Choose 1 of the following essays (50 points)

1. Reflecting upon your own field of study, try to identify the degrees and ways in which it affects society, and the ways in which it can be used to serve non-scientific agendas.
2. Some authors you studied consider that rationality is the main feature of the human species. According to your own experience and observation, how can you assess this hypothesis?



Good luck!