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Philosophy 1100: Introduction to Ethics

Exercise 3: The Concept of Validity

Due Date: Recitation Section - Friday, September 21

Proportion of Final Grade: 5%

Instructions

1. For each of the following arguments, simply indicate whether you think that the argument is valid or invalid.
2. It is not necessary to justify your answer.
3. If you are uncertain about some of the answers, use the techniques set out in the recitations - such as Venn diagrams.

1. If she knows who he is, he's in danger.
But she doesn't know who he is.

Therefore, he's not in danger.

Valid ___ Invalid ___

2. Everyone who has accepted the one true faith will go to heaven.
Some women will go to heaven.

Therefore, some women have accepted the one true faith.

Valid ___ Invalid ___

3. The Pope is an unbeliever.
All unbelievers are women.

Therefore, the Pope is a woman.

Valid ___ Invalid ___

4. If God exists, then there is an absolute, objective moral law.
But there is, indeed, an absolute, objective moral law.

Therefore, God does exist.

Valid ___ Invalid ___

5. Fetuses are human beings.
All human beings have a right to life.
Therefore, fetuses have a right to life.
Valid ___ Invalid ___
6. Stalin was an atheist.
All Communists are atheists.
Therefore, Stalin was a Communist.
Valid ___ Invalid ___
7. Billy Graham is a born-again Christian.
Only born-again Christians will go to heaven.
Therefore, Billy Graham will go to heaven.
Valid ___ Invalid ___
8. You can't buy illegal drugs at the local store.
Aspirin, however, is not an illegal drug.
Therefore, you can buy aspirin at the local store.
Valid ___ Invalid ___
9. Pat Robertson is a known homosexual.
No homosexuals are Christians.
Therefore, Pat Robertson is not a Christian.
Valid ___ Invalid ___
10. All cats are carnivores.
Some carnivores eat mice.
Therefore, some cats eat mice.
Valid ___ Invalid ___