

Sample Philosophy Rubric

Explain the first formulation of the categorical imperative, and describe how Kant applies this to the case of the lying promise. Do you think that the Categorical Imperative gives good guidance on how to evaluate lying promises? Why or why not?

Our of 20	poor	fair	good	excellent
Exposition (6 pts)	Gets it wrong (0-1)	Quotes it w/out explaining (2-3)	Quotes, explains (4-5)	Gives lucid explanation (6)
Liar Case (6 pts)	Gets it wrong (0-1)	Gives the case basically correctly (2)	Gives the case correctly, helps to motivate it (3-4)	Strongly motivates, explains (5-6)
Argument (6 pts)	Based on mistake, straw man, ignores obvious/ in class counterarguments (0-1)	Obvious argument, perhaps as far as went in lecture, basically gets it right (2)	Less obvious argument – extends the objection past lecture, some novel thought, perhaps not yet an excellent argument (3-4)	Gives a novel, clever argument that builds on and goes past the lecture. (5-6)
Grammar/ Composition 2 pts	Composition and grammar make sections utterly incomprehensible (0)	Some mistakes, none that interfere with overall understanding (.5)	No major errors, composition follows a logical structure (1.5)	Flawless, presentational aspects actually support and enhance content of the paper. (2)