

PHI243/POL312 - PHILOSOPHY OF LAW/JURISPRUDENCE - SPRING 2016

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GRADED ASSIGNMENT #4 - DUE MAY 9

This assignment asks you to compose an outline, 2-3 page long, of

(1) a court case analysis, *or* (2) a philosophical dialogue, *or* (3) a philosophy paper.

Please take into account the grading scheme on the next page.

Depending on the choice of (1), (2) or (3), please address items (a) through (e) below:

(1) *Court case analysis*

- (a) Summary of the court option;¹
- (b) Passage(s) of the opinion you will analyze, e.g. a claim you find worth discussing;
- (c) Thesis you will defend;
- (d) Arguments, in a nutshell, that support your thesis; and
- (e) Potential objections to your thesis and arguments, and your rejoinders.

(2) *Philosophical dialogue*

- (a) Topic and question of the dialogue;
- (b) Characters—at least two—and the claim each character will defend;
- (c) Supporting arguments, in a nutshell, that each character will advance;
- (d) Objections and replies that each character will offer;
- (e) Which ideas come from the course readings and which ideas are your own.

(3) *Philosophy paper*

- (a) Topic and question of the paper;
- (b) Thesis you will defend;
- (c) Arguments, in a nutshell, that support your thesis;
- (d) Potential objections to your thesis and arguments, and your rejoinders;
- (e) Which ideas come from the course readings and which ideas are your own.

¹Use the format from the first Pass/Fail assignment, that is: question of the case; facts of the case; law governing the case; answer by the court; motivations/reasons by the majority; dissent.

Grading scheme

<i>criteria</i>	<i>unsatisfactory</i>	<i>satisfactory</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>very good</i>
TOPIC				
THESIS				
ARGUMENTS				
OBJECTIONS				
REJOINDERS				
CLARITY				
PRECISION				
STYLE				