

Business and Economic Ethics

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Final Exam Questions

Instructions: Choose eight of the following questions to write upon during the regularly-scheduled, two-hour exam period. Please do not write anything on this sheet, and bring it with you to the exam.

1. Based on Alexei Marcoux's lecture, explain the difference between partiality and impartiality and whether, in your judgment, moral partiality is appropriate in business.
2. Based on Phyllis Johnson's lecture, what in your judgment are the three biggest challenges faced by women coffee farmers in developing countries?
3. Based on Federico Fernández and Martin Sarano's lecture, what in your judgment are the three biggest challenges for doing business in contemporary Argentina?
4. Compare James Taggart's and Dagny Taggart's leadership style, as presented in Chapter One of *Atlas Shrugged*.
5. *Atlas Shrugged* dramatizes the differences between *free-market business professionals* and *politicized business operatives*. Using the "Anti-Dog-Eat-Dog" agreement and the "San Sebastián Mines" debacle, explain the key differences between the two.
6. In your judgment, what are the three most important points in Tom Palmer's "Introduction: The Morality of Capitalism"?
7. What are the three most important points in Deirdre McCloskey's "Liberty and Dignity Explain the Modern World"?
8. What are the three most important points in David Boaz's "Competition and Cooperation"?
9. What are the three most important points in June Arunga's "Global Justice and Capitalism"?
10. What are the three most important points in Vernon Smith's "Human Betterment through Globalization"?
11. Defend the following proposition: The love of money is the root of all evil.
12. Defend the following proposition: Money can buy happiness.
13. Lending and borrowing are immoral and economically destructive, for both are parasitic.
14. Lending and borrowing can be moral and economically productive.
15. In your judgment, what top three business decisions led to John Allison's success with BB&T?
16. Defend the following proposition: Free-market greed was the primary cause of the mortgage crisis.
17. Defend the following proposition: Government policy was the primary cause of the mortgage crisis.