

2

Ethics in general: ethics, action and freedom

Questions to stimulate reflection

What role is played by rules in moral decision-making?

Are moral claims such as 'lying is wrong' true or false? If so are they *always* true or false?

What makes an action morally acceptable or unacceptable?

What is the difference between first order and second order ethics?

How does metaphysics differ from epistemology?

Why is intentional action and free will of such importance to ethics?

If every action is a function of the physical states of the agent and his environment plus the laws of nature, do we really *have* free will?

Can we think about morality without thinking about religion?