Benn, Piers
Ethics
Chapter 4 - *Kant's Ethics*
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QUESTIONS

1. What does Benn highlight as the goal of Kant's project?

2. Who does Benn describe as a massive influence on Kant and why?

3. What does it mean to discover something *a priori*? What does Kant discover this way?

4. What is a maxim?

5. Explain, as clearly as you can, why lying makes no sense to Kant.

6. Benn thinks Kant appeals to consequences. Is he then a consequentialist? Why not?

7. Why is duty so important to Kant?

8. Why are actions that come from inclination 'beautiful' but of so little *moral* value to Kant?

9. What is *the formula of the end in itself*? how does this idea compare to consequentialist ethics?

10. Does this formula mean I should stop getting my clothes washed at the laundrette?

11. Why does Kant think animals are not 'ends in themselves'?

12. Are deontological and consequentialist approaches compatible?

13. Do we have freewill according to Kant?

14. Copy the quote on p101. Explain in your own words what you think it means underneath.

15. Is the *good will* always good in itself? What do you think?

16. What is *moral luck*? What does Kant think about moral luck?

17. What are the two examples that Benn uses to suggest that moral luck does exist?

18. What does Benn highlight as the main strengths/weaknesses of Kant's position?