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Legal Theory

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Duration: 120 minutes

 Please check at receipt of the exam the number of question sheets. The examination contains 2 pages (this page included) and 6 questions.

Notes on marking

 When marking the exam each question is weighted separately. Points are distributed to the individual questions as follows:

Question 1	10 points	10%
Question 2	10 points	10%
Question 3a	10 points	10%
Question 3b	20 points	20%
Question 4	20 points	20%
Question 5	20 points	20%
Question 6	10 points	10%
Total	100 points	100%

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- 1. What is the difference between "competence" and "performance"? Why is this difference important for the study of the human mind? (10%)
- 2. What is the problem of "mental causation"? Please provide an example. (10%)
- 3. A famous distinction of current psychology is between "fast" and "slow" thinking.
 - a. Please explain the content of this distinction. Please provide examples. (10%)
 - b. Are human rights the product of "fast thinking", as some argue? What are arguments for this thesis, what are arguments against it? (20%)
- 4. Which are the preconditions for an action to be "altruistic"? Please provide an example. (20%)
- 5. What evidence is there that fundamental elements of morality are the product of innate mental structures? (20%)
- 6. Recent research suggests that hunter-gatherers did not live in small groups but populated large shared cultural spaces with substantial geographical mobility. Why are such findings important for understanding the evolution of moral cognition? (10%)