

*Group 1, pp.45–48: What is the philosophical problem of freedom and what type of freedom is in this problem?*

(1) Characterize the philosophical problem of freedom by showing that if the world is deterministic or indeterministic, there appears to be no freedom and consequently no moral responsibility? In characterizing this problem, make sure you give an example (different from the one in the book) that illustrates the problem. (2) There are a variety of different kinds of freedom, what particular kind of freedom is at play in the philosophical problem characterized above. (3) Finally, give your reaction to the philosophical problem of freedom. Do you think humans are truly free. If yes, then how do you solve the above problem? If no, then how do you respond to the view that your position goes against “common sense”?

*Group 2, pp.48–51: What is Determinism?*

(1) On the board, write out the definition of ‘Determinism’ (see p.50). (2) Explain the definition by first giving the intuitive idea behind it and then (3) explaining each critical part of the definition. Next, (4) write the definition of ‘Future-Oriented Determinism’ on the board and explain how this definition differs from Determinism. Finally, (4) write the definition of ‘Universal Causation’ on the board and explain how it differs from ‘Determinism’. Use the example in the book to help you illustrate the difference.

*Group 3, pp.51–53: What is Hard Determinism?*

First, write the argument against moral responsibility on the board, explain each of the premises (1)–(4), and the conclusion (5). You can call on your classmates to help you. Second, explain Hard Determinism. Finally, do you find this argument convincing? Why or why not?