



Examination Paper

Faculty of Business and Law

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Unit Code: MIS231
Unit Name: PROFESSIONAL ETHICS IN THE DIGITAL AGE
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Writing Time: 2 hours
Reading Time: 15 minutes

Instructions for Candidates:

Closed Book Examination. Calculators Allowed.

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All candidates MUST complete this section:

ID Number: _____ **Seat Allocation Number:** _____

Please choose and attempt **SIX** of the eight questions. Clearly label each question with the question number. Each answer is worth a maximum of 20 marks. You are expected to write 3-4 paragraphs per question.

1. In the film I, Robot, what underpinning ethical theory do the robots operate under? Why does Spooner the detective distrust the robots?
2. What is moral agency?
3. Why is intellectual property sometimes called a 'necessary evil'?
4. Does the IS professional owe any obligation to the employees of a company he is working or consulting in? Explain the duties and obligations of an IS professional to those who may be affected by his or her work?
5. What are the key tenets of virtue ethics? Do you think virtue ethics contributes to the development of a professional? Explain your answer.
6. What is dataveillance and how does it affect our privacy? Should and can we be protected against dataveillance?
7. Discuss the following statement: "social media has led to the empowerment of people". Be careful to consider alternatives in your discussion.
8. Drawing on your assignment, what does it mean to be a professional?

[6 questions, 20 marks each = 120 marks]