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Third Assignment

Due: 8th May

Length: 5–7 pages (i.e. around 2000 words)

Answer *one* question

1. Is the existence of free-will compatible with what we know about the world?
2. Does Wegner give us good reasons for thinking that conscious will is an illusion?
3. What does Frankfurt mean when he talks of *identification* with a desire? Can we shed light on the question by considering Deci and Ryan's empirical work?
4. Should self-deception be modeled on the deception of others? How does the inter-personal account need to be modified to be applicable to the intra-personal case? Could we have empirical grounds for thinking that deflationary accounts like Mele's can't do what is needed?
5. Can findings from empirical psychology tell us anything about the nature of morality?
6. What, if anything, can syndromes like autism and sociopathy tell us about well functioning moral agents?