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Ethical Egoism

Q.1

The central idea behind ethical egoism is that every person should exclusively seek to pursue their self-interest without any regard for others (Rachels and Rachels, 72). Furthermore, another idea behind ethical egoism is that an individual must not promote the interests of other persons in addition to the promotion of their interests. Additionally, ethical egoism presents a radical idea that the pursuance of self-interest is the obligation of an individual. On the other hand, ethical egoism does not direct the individuals not to help others. Ethical Egoism means an individual should do whatever serves their self-interest in the best possible ways (Rachels and Rachels, 72).

Q.2

There are numerous pros of ethical egoism. One of them is mentioned ahead. Ethical egoism provides an opportunity for better personal improvement (Rachels and Rachels, 82). For instance, a person who decides not to take up drugs would ultimately serve their interest and improve themselves significantly. There are several cons of ethical egoism that are discussed next. First con of ethical egoism is that everyone serving their own best interest would see the society becoming detached (Rachels and Rachels, 82). Another drawback of ethical egoism is that people do not view anything from the perspective of others. They only serve their self-interest only. The last shortcoming of ethical egoism is that it results in poor relationships.

Q.3

Psychological egoism narrates that the basis of all the human actions is self-interest that drives the actions (Rachels and Rachels, 80). Furthermore, psychological egoism is categorized as a descriptive theory . Moreover, psychological egoism states that even behind the actions of benevolence and altruism, there are self-interests that form the basis of those actions. Contrarily, ethical egoism describes that, no matter what, individuals should continuously seek to serve their self-interest (Rachels and Rachels, 80). Ethical egoism is a theory which is prescriptive in nature. This suggests that an individual should always seek to pursue self-interest. It must be noted that ethical egoism denies altruism altogether (Rachels and Rachels, 80).

Works Cited

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