1. Briefly explain the historical context of Kantianism, including the legacy of the ancient Greeks. (5 marks)

2. Summarise the argument Kant advances in his essay, What is Enlightenment? (1784)

3. To what extent, if any, do you agree with Kant's argument? Justify your view.



# What is Kantianism?

- Snapshot of his legacy
- His chief texts on ethics

## 07 November 2024 Key features of Kantianism

For many who have never heard of philosophy, let alone Kant, morality is roughly what Kant said it was



Alasdair MacIntyre 1966 That is, system of rules that one must follow from a sense of duty, regardless of one's wants or desires

James Rachels 1986



Summarise the view of

MacIntyre (1966) and

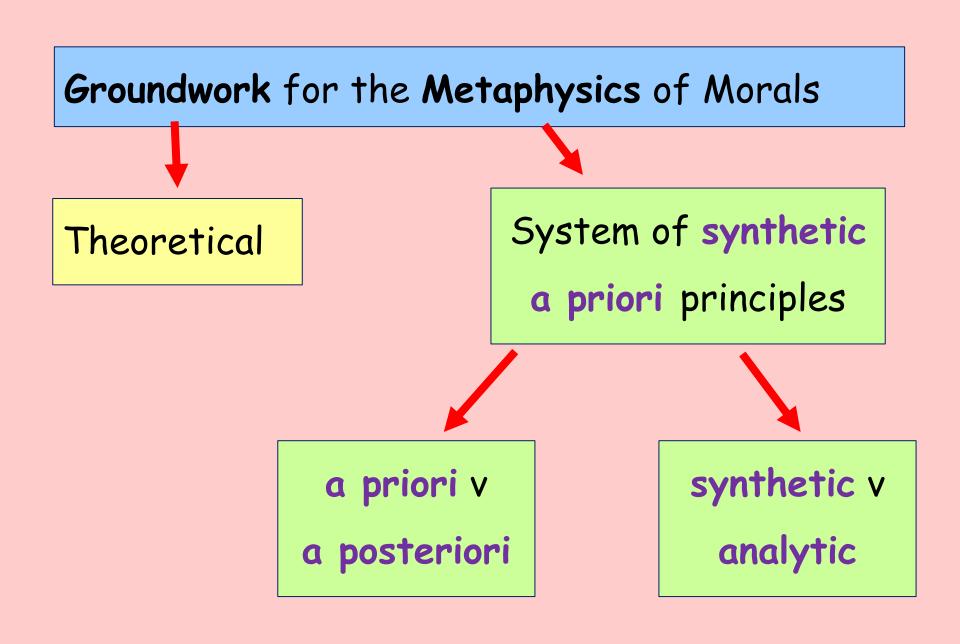
Rachels (1986)

#### Kant's books on ethics

Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals (1785)

Critique of Practical Reason (1788)

Metaphysics of Morals (1797)



### Critique of Practical Reason

analysis

ought, not is

Pure practical reason

Pre-empirical; non-empirical

## Review

- 1. What did **MacIntyre** and **Rachels** assert about Kantianism?
- 2. What are the names of Kant's three chief books on ethics?
- 3. What, for Kant, was metaphysics?
- 4. What is pure practical reason?