

In a well-structured 500-600 word essay, develop a philosophical argument (with a clear claim/thesis, at least two premises/reasons in support of the claim, and warrant explaining how the reasons support the claim) defending the position that, according to Kant's philosophy in the *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, we have a duty to designate ourselves as cadaveric organ donors (i.e., to donate our viable organs for transplantation into others who need them after we have deceased). NOTE: Your argument is restricted exclusively to cadaveric organ donation; you may not extend it to living organ donation.

Be sure to:

- Concisely present and explain the concept of *duty*
- Concisely present and explain the *categorical imperative*
- Apply the categorical imperative to the maxim to donate one's viable organs upon one's death, carefully explaining how this demonstrates that cadaveric organ donation is a duty
- Carefully explain what it means to act merely *in conformity with duty* **and** explain how one might designate themselves as a cadaveric organ donor *merely in conformity with duty*, rather than from duty

In addition to the above, also carefully explain the "Humanity as an End In Itself" formulation of the categorical imperative and demonstrate why the decision to designate oneself as a cadaveric organ donor does not violate this formulation of the categorical imperative.

Support your argument with careful reasoning and evidence from the primary text. **Use of all secondary sources is prohibited, including the Introduction of the text.**