

KANT, CRITIQUE OF THE POWER OF JUDGMENT

Homework (27/9/2007)

Instead of having a midterm examination we agreed to have a homework. Here are the rules.

1 Topic: Kant's deduction of judgments of taste

Your essay should answer the following questions:

1. What is the task for the deduction?
2. Why does Kant think the deduction is necessary?
3. What is the argument in the deduction?
4. Do you think that the argument goes through?

Please do not just answer these questions, but rather write an essay. The emphasis should be on question 3.

2 Text

The deduction is in §§ 30 – 40, but you can skip a lot. On the other hand, you should consider one passage outside the deduction, viz. §21.

I suggest, you read §§31, 32 (the last paragraph of §32 can be skipped, pp. 163 f., „That the works of the ancient“ – „its first attempts.“), §33, §36, §38. The footnote and the remark of §38 are important. Please also read §21. In your essay you can assume that §21 provides an additional argument for what should be shown in the deduction, or that it complements the argument in §38. §38 is a bit strange, so you can mainly focus on §21.

At some point, Kant talks about subjective purposiveness. We will talk about this on Tuesday. If you want to find out more on this, read §11.

If you have questions, come back to me.

3 Length

Your essay should be 3–6 pages (1,5-lines spacing). If you write it down by hand, it would be a few more pages. You should be able to get the homework done in about 5 hours, to give you a very rough indication.

4 Formal requirements

Please submit the essay by Friday, October 5, noon. You can either send it as an email or give me a printed/written version. If I'm not in my office, give it to someone else, please.