

# PHIL 43503: Final exam study guide

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On the final, you will be given four questions from the list below, and asked to answer three.

1. Explain the consequence argument for the incompatibility of free will and determinism. Say what you think is the best compatibilist reply to that argument, and evaluate the reply.
2. Explain Frankfurt's theory of free will. What are some of the theory's strengths and weaknesses? Is it, in the end, plausible?
3. Why might one adopt an agent-causal theory of free will? Does agent-causation make sense? Give the best argument for the theory you can think of.
4. Explain and evaluate van Inwagen's central argument against agent-causal theories of free will.
5. Explain and evaluate van Inwagen's argument for the conclusion that we act freely on many fewer occasions than one might have thought.
6. Explain the basic argument for the incompatibility of free will and foreknowledge. What is the Ockhamist response? Is it plausible?
7. Explain Warfield's argument for the compatibility of free will and foreknowledge. Does it establish the compatibility of the two? If not, what does it establish?
8. How did Aquinas attempt to resolve free will and foreknowledge? Is the attempt successful? Consider what you take to be the strongest objection to Aquinas' view.
9. Explain the problem of moral luck, and say what you think is the best response to this problem.