

Paper #2

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We discussed three views about what it takes for you to exist tomorrow: (i) your immaterial soul must exist tomorrow; (ii) the material thing which you are must exist tomorrow; (iii) something must exist tomorrow which stands in the right psychological connections to you now.

In your paper, you should do the following five things. Each of the five parts should be clearly separated (e.g., with the number of the part) from the others.

- (1) Either say which of (i)-(iii) you think is true, or state a view about what it takes for you to exist tomorrow which is different from any of these. A new view of this sort may of course contain features drawn from one or more of (i)-(iii). If you pick one of (i)-(iii), this part should take only one sentence, and in no case should take more than one paragraph.
- (2) State what is in your view the strongest argument for the position stated in part (1). You may, but need not, also give a second argument in favor of your view. If you do, the two arguments should be clearly separated. Most arguments can be explained clearly in 1-3 paragraphs.
- (3) State the two objections to the view stated in part (1) which you think are the most challenging. The two objections should be clearly separated, and each should be stated in at most one paragraph.
- (4) Give what you think is the best response to each of the two objections explained in part (3). The two responses should be clearly separated. Typical responses should be 1-2 paragraphs each. In each case you should focus on clearly explaining and developing what you think is the *best* response, rather than employing the ‘scattershot’ approach of mentioning but not developing a number of different responses.
- (5) Briefly, in one or two paragraphs, explain why in the end you think that the argument(s) given in part (2) outweighs the objections stated in part (3).

A rough draft for this paper is not required. But if you would like your TA to look at a rough draft for you and give you comments, you must give them the draft 7 days before the paper is due — so, by Thursday, November 9. As noted on the syllabus, the penalty for papers turned in late is 3 points per day, including weekends.