

Final exam study guide

PHIL 10106

December 13 or December 20

The midterm exam will consist of four questions from the following list. In the exam, you will answer three of the four. For each question, you should say what your answer to the question is, and why you think that answer is correct.

1. What are you? Are you an organism, an immaterial soul, or something else?
2. What does it take for for some person at some other time to be you??
3. Imagine a simple teletransportation machine of the sort described in class, which (allegedly) teletransports people from Earth to Mars. Would the person who emerges from the machine on Mars be the same person as the one who gets into the machine on Earth?
4. Is the idea that some people go to heaven and some people go to hell consistent with the existence of a just God?
5. Can you know that there is an external world?
6. Is Foundationalism true?
7. Should you become less confident in your beliefs if you learn that an epistemic peer disagrees with you? If so, by how much?
8. Is it always rational to pursue the course of action with the highest expected utility?
9. Which of moral realism, moral nihilism, and moral relativism is true?
10. Is it true that things are good only insofar as they lead to pleasure (or the absence of pain), and bad only insofar as they lead to pain (or the absence of pleasure)?
11. Should one always perform the action which will lead to the best overall consequences?
12. What makes a life go better or worse?