

PHIL 101-02: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (FALL 2019)

FINAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

1. Please provide short responses (5-6 sentences max.) to the questions set out in Part A and Part B (400 words max.) below in light of the relevant readings or class presentations. Your answer sheet must state each question in verbatim, in addition to your response to it.
2. Please do not locate and/or copy your answers from the web. Kindly limit the scope of your reference to your readings and/or class presentations.
3. Every question in Part A is worth 10 marks; the question in Part 5 is worth 50 marks (max). If your response to a question in Part A does not capture the *essence of the question*, it will get no mark.
3. You must submit your exam in the form of a PDF file through the Turnitin link on your iLearn course-page.
4. Assignment deadline: Friday, December 20, 2019 by 11:55 pm. Late assignments will get no feedback.

A. SHORT-RESPONSE QUESTIONS (10 marks each):

1. According to Plato's *The Allegory of the Cave*, how does a person attain the state of "being"? Refer the relevant class presentation.
2. In *The Apology*, how does Socrates refute the charge of sophism in particular? Refer to the relevant class presentation.
3. Briefly summarize, in your own words, St. Anslem's ontological proof for the existence of God. You may refer to the relevant reading or the relevant class presentation.
4. What is the nature of a teleological argument? For your response, you may rely on the class presentation on Paley's Teleological Argument.
5. Briefly summarize, in your own words, Epicurus' traditional Problem of Evil? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.
6. Give an example of a statement that we can know *a priori*? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.
7. Give an example of a statement which we can know *a posteriori*? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.

8. “All squares are squares” - is that an analytic statement or a synthetic statement? Why? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.
9. “The sun will rise tomorrow” – is that an analytic or a synthetic statement? Why? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.
10. What makes Bentham’s Utilitarianism a *consequentialist* moral theory? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.
11. For Kant, when does a moral agent act autonomously? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.
12. What makes Kant’s moral philosophy a *deontological* one? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.
13. For Aristotle, what is the ultimate good/end/purpose/goal of human beings? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.
14. What does Aristotle mean by the claim that virtue is a mean between extremes? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.
15. What makes life in a state of nature “*solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short*” (Hobbes 392)? You may refer to the relevant class presentation.

PART B. SELF-REFLECTION (50 marks max.):

How has this course personally impacted you?

Best of luck!