

Second Exam Study Sheet

The second exam is Wednesday, May 1 in class. It covers only the papers we have read since the first exam. Because there is a class that uses the room after us, there will be a strict time limit of 75 minutes. The exam will consist of six short essay questions taken from the following list. (The exam will have eight of the following on it, from which you will choose six.) For each, be sure to respond to all parts of the question. Your answers should generally be one or two exam book page each. Each question is worth 15 points. (You get 10 points free to make it an even 100.)

1. Present Russell's Argument that there are universals in addition to particulars. (First say how universals differ from particulars.)
2. Present Black's argument against the Identity of Indiscernibles. (First say what the Identity of Indiscernibles is.) How might one challenge the argument?
3. Compare how Wyman, McX, and Quine understand the sentence "Pegasus does not exist"?
4. Present and illustrate Quine's criterion of ontological commitment.
5. Present Goodman's grue paradox and consider a possible solution.
6. Present Nagel's argument that consciousness can't be explained by physics. (First illustrate what Nagel means by consciousness.)
7. Why does the simple identity theory have to reject the possibility of Martian pain? How does Lewis's view allow for it? (First say what Martian pain is.)
8. Why does a simple behaviorist theory have to reject the possibility of mad pain? How does Lewis's view allow for it? (First say what mad pain is.)
9. Present Chisholm's argument that free will requires "agent causation". (First say what "agent causation" is.) Why might one doubt that there is agent causation?
10. Present Williams' argument against the "psychological view" of personal identity. (First say what the "psychological view" is.) How might the psychological view respond?