

Exam 1 Study Guide

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Our first exam covers materials from the first two sections of the course. The exam consists of two parts. In Part One, I will ask you to define and/or explain basic terms, such as ‘metaphysics’ or ‘understanding’. In Part Two, I will ask you to state and explain key arguments or positions, such as Plato’s argument for immortality or Kant’s notion of the self as a transcendental principle of logic.

Here is a list of terms and concepts with which you should be familiar:

Section I: Introduction

- The goals of philosophy
- Three questions
- Surface Tension
- Metaphysics
- Epistemology
- Value Theory
- The Basic Picture
 - Conceptual Thought
 - Sensation
 - Concept Intension and Extension
 - Representation
 - Understanding
- Empiricism
- Rationalism
- Conceptual Analysis
- Criticism

Section II: What is it? The self

- Plato on the self:
 - argument for immortality
 - Diotima’s argument for mortality
- Descartes on the self:
 - Method of doubt
 - The *Cogito*
 - Conceivability argument
 - Divisibility argument
 - Descartes’s Mind/Body unity problem
- Locke on the self:
 - Substance, Man, and Person
 - Self-Consciousness
- Hume on the self:
 - Impression/idea distinction
 - Argument on the idea of self
- Kant on the self:
 - the *a priori* and the *a posteriori*
 - the transcendental principle of logic