

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
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APRIL 2010 FINAL EXAMINATIONS

PHL201H1S Introductory Philosophy

Duration – 2 hours

No Examination Aids Allowed

Short Answer Questions (10 points each. 10 × 8 questions = 80 points.)

1. State the global argument from design. State two objections to it.
2. What is the thesis of causal determinism? What is the problem of free will and determinism? State the three theoretical options on the problem.
3. According to one form of compatibilism, one does X freely if and only if one does X and doing X is what one chooses to do. State what we called the “giant robot” objection to this claim. How does Ayer’s version of compatibilism avoid this objection?
4. What do idealists believe? Materialists? (Dualist) epiphenomenalists? (Dualist) interactionists?
5. State Jackson’s knowledge argument and explain why, if successful, it would show materialism to be false.
6. State the view Searle calls “Strong AI.” What is his argument against this view?
7. What does Descartes mean by “certainty”? State an argument for skepticism about the external world based on the premise that knowledge requires certainty.
8. State the thesis of psychological egoism and an argument for it. State the thesis of ethical egoism and an argument for it.

Essay Question (20 points.)

State and explain act utilitarianism. Explain the slavery objection to act utilitarianism. How should an act utilitarian respond to this objection? Is that response satisfactory? Is act utilitarianism the truth about morality? Defend your answer.

Total Marks = 100 points

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