

Final Exam Epistemology

June 6, 1p.m. to 4p.m. in Lipsius 0.11.

Good luck! You have three hours (in case of extra time added, this amounts to 30 minutes extra). Please answer the following questions succinctly. Any unnecessary digressions can negatively affect the points for your answer. You can receive 100 points for this exam. Your mark will be the amounts of point divided by 10. It will count 80% towards your final mark.

Question 1 examples (20 pts).

Give an example of the following

- a) A cognitively penetrated perception (as made precise by Siegel 2012)(5pt)
- b) A problem for classic foundationalism (5pt)
- c) An account of analyticity (5pt)
- d) A source of structural epistemic injustice, as mentioned by Anderson (2012) (5pt)

Question 2 characterisation of distinctions (20 pts).

Characterise, in your own words, the distinction between

- a) Foundationalism and coherentism (5 pt)
- b) Testimonial Reductionism and Testimonial Non-reductionism (5pt)
- c) An epistemic bubble and an echo chamber (5pt)
- d) Intellectualism and standpoint Epistemology, as developed by Toole (2022) (5pt)

Question 3 Essay on A priori truths (15 pts)

Bonjour believes that subscribing to naturalism, and thus rejecting the existence of a priori truths, amounts to intellectual suicide. Do you agree? Why (not)? Answer in 300 words maximum.

Question 4 Demonstrate Understanding of Elgin's argument (15 pts)

How does Elgin use acceptance to avoid the problem of hyperresoluteness in the context of Peer Disagreement? Answer in 300 words maximum.

Question 5 Demonstrate Understanding of Toole's argument (15 pts)

Toole describes a situation where Moira (the Black Subject) and June (the White subject) have different claims to knowledge, even while being disposed to the same evidence. How does Toole use empathy to explain the supposed difference between the knowledge claims between Moira (the Black Subject) and June (the White subject)? Answer in 300 words maximum..

Question 6 Essay on Echo Chambers (15 pts)

Are those born into an echo chamber epistemically culpable? Please answer in 300 words maximum.