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Mind, Matter and Language

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Please answer **ONE** question from EACH of sections A, B and C.

Part 1

1. Which theory gives a better account of the connection between the mental and the physical: the type-identity theory or the token identity theory? Explain.
2. Can behaviourism explain language acquisition? Why or why not?
3. Is Dennett a realist about propositional attitudes?

Part 2

1. Is access consciousness different from phenomenal consciousness? Why?
2. Assess the claim that the conceivability of philosophical zombies entails their possibility.
3. Can two creatures with identical internal states be said to have different mental content in virtue of their different relationships with the external world?

Part 3

1. What is the McKinsey Paradox? Does it pose a problem for content externalism?
2. Is the meaning of 'arthritis' determined by speech communities, or by individuals? Explain.
3. Discuss whether ordinary proper names are disguised definite descriptions

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