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Section 1

- 1) Is substance dualism a persuasive account of mental phenomena?
- 2) Critically assess David Chalmers' naturalistic dualism.
- 3) What is Searle's Chinese room thought experiment supposed to show? Does it work?

Section 2

- 4) Should folk psychology be eliminated?
- 5) Does Jackson's knowledge argument show that physicalism is false?
- 6) What are higher-order theories of consciousness, and can they solve the hard problem of consciousness?

Section 3

- 7) Critically assess Russell's theory of descriptions.
- 8) What is the descriptive theory of names and why does Kripke reject it?
- 9) What is Frege's argument for the distinction between sense and reference?
- 10) Mental content is 'narrow'. Discuss

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