

Review for 101 Final Exam

Ethics:

- Types of ethical statements (rules, judgments, etc.)
- 3 branches of ethics (including 3 tasks included in metaethics)
- Define “eudaimonia”
- Plato’s ethics: nothing
- Aristotle’s ethics: definition of virtue
- Intrinsic vs. extrinsic value
- Epicurus: Types of pleasure
- Stoics: Nothing
- Kant: distinction between deontological and consequentialist theories
 - Permissible vs. praiseworthy actions
 - Reasons ethics should be based on logic
 - 2 versions of categorical imperative (what they say, & main features of each)
- Mill: Principle of utility
 - What it says, & main implications
 - Contrast w/ Bentham’s formulation
 - Contrast w/ satisficing consequentialism
- Rights: Moral vs. legal rights
 - Classify an example of a moral right (liberty, immunity, welfare, special)
 - Absolute vs. defeasible rights
 - Infringed vs. violated rights

Metaphysics & Epistemology

- Plato: Allegory of the cave (know what stands for what)
- Aristotle: Criticisms of Plato’s theory of Forms (perishability, 3rd person)
- Locke: representative realism
 - Veil of perception
 - Primary vs. secondary qualities
 - Causation & resemblance theses
 - Inference to the best explanation

Berkeley: Criticisms of Locke

- Material vs. physical objects
 - Physical objects vs. other sorts of ideas
 - Imagination vs. understanding
 - Inference to the best explanation
- ### Berkeley: Idealism
- What is Idealism?
 - Direct & indirect awareness of physical objects
 - Problems for Idealism

Descartes: rationalism vs. empiricism

- Scepticism
- Indubitability criterion of truth

“I think, therefore I am” and the egocentric predicament
Wax example (and the 2 lessons Descartes learns from it)
Clearness & distinctness criterion of truth
Proof of God’s existence
Why this argument is circular

Essay topics (you’ll write on ONE of these)

1. What are the Forms, and what are they supposed to explain? What are Aristotle’s arguments against them?
2. According to Locke, how can we be sure that the world is as it appears?
3. What are Berkeley’s criticisms of Locke’s position?
4. Present & explain Descartes’ argument for God’s existence. Why does he need this argument, and why doesn’t it work?
5. Present, explain, & evaluate Anselm’s Ontological Argument for God’s existence (*reductio ab absurdum* version).