

Final Exam

This exam consists of one question. Your response to this question must refer to at least eight of the readings we have discussed this term, listed below. You may choose to refer to more readings. I will judge the quality of your response, in part, both on the depth of the analysis of each reading, and the connections you make among the readings.

You may consult your *précises* on the exam, but you must write your exam during the exam period. You may type your exams on a computer, wherever you wish to work. Email me the final copy by the end of the exam, and bring a hard copy of your exam to me by 5pm on Wednesday.

The Question: Is the use of philosophical intuitions in philosophy defensible?

In answering the question, you might want to appeal to answers to the following subordinate questions:

What are philosophical intuitions?

How are philosophical intuitions different from other thoughts or cognitive episodes?

What is the method of reflective equilibrium?

How is reflective equilibrium both a methodological counsel and an epistemic thesis?

How does the method of seeking reflective, as an epistemic thesis, differ from foundationalism and coherentism?

What is the scientific method? How does the method of seeking reflective equilibrium, as a methodological counsel, differ from the scientific method?

What is experimental philosophy? How does it differ from traditional philosophy?

Is philosophy a normative discipline?

The Readings

Part I:

Descartes, selections from *Meditations on First Philosophy* and *Objections and Replies*

Locke, "Clear and Distinct Perception"

Hume, selections from *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

Melchert, "Analysis" (On Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*)

Ayer, "Are Mistakes About One's Own Immediate Experience Only Verbal?"

Sellars, "Does Empirical Knowledge Have a Foundation?"

Goodman, "The New Riddle of Induction"

Quine and Ullian, from *The Web of Belief*

Rawls, from *A Theory of Justice*

Chomsky, from *Knowledge of Language*

Part II:

Stich and Nisbett, "Justification and the Psychology of Human Reasoning"

Shafir (DR 4)

Weinberg, Nichols, and Stich (EP 2)

Machery, Mallon, Nichols, and Stich (EP 3)

Frankfort, "Alternative Possibilities and Moral Responsibility"

Woolfolk, Doris, and Darley (EP 4)

Nahmias, Morris, Nadelhoffer, and Turner (EP 5)

Nichols and Knobe (EP 6)

Horowitz (DR 9)

Foley (DR 13)

Knobe (EP7)

Nadelhoffer (EP 8)

Part III:

Gopnik and Schwitzgebel (DR 5)

Cummins (DR7)

Bealer (DR 12)

Bealer (DR 12)

Kornblith (DR 8)

DePaul (DR 16)

Sosa (DR 14) and (EP 12)