

STUDY GUIDE

PHIL02

Midterm

I will choose *seven* of the following questions, and you will be required to provide responses to *five* of my selections. You will be given twenty-five minutes in class. You will not need a blue book.

1. In the *Apology*, what are the formal charges against Socrates? (hint: these are the charges leveled by Meletus)
2. Socrates argues that it is absurd to say that he disbelieves in gods. How does he go about doing this?
3. Explain the difference between normative and descriptive language.
4. What is the “cultural differences argument”?
5. Describe at least one major objection to cultural relativism.
6. What, according to James Murphie, is the difference between the “common language” meaning of the word “happiness” and the “rich sense” of the word used by philosophers like Plato and Kierkegaard?
7. Identify at least three features of the “master morality” described by Nietzsche.
8. Identify at least three features of the “slave morality” described by Nietzsche.
9. How, according to utilitarianism, do we determine whether an action is right or wrong?
10. Identify at least two separate problems facing the theory of utilitarianism, as discussed in class.
11. According to Kant, what does it mean to say that an act is done ‘from duty’? How does this differ from other kinds of acts?
12. What is the difference between categorical and hypothetical imperatives?
13. Identify at least two separate problems facing Kantian ethics, as discussed in class.