

STUDY GUIDE
PHIL02
Final Exam

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 forty-five minutes in class. You will not need a blue book.

1. What is the “state of nature”?
2. What is ‘felicity’, on Hobbes’ view? Why does ‘felicity’ lead us to the ‘war of all against all’?
3. What are the three reasons that Hobbes proposes for attacking others in the state of nature?
4. What is the ‘natural right of liberty’?
5. What, according to Locke, is the “Law of Nature”?
6. What is the “Executive Power of Nature”?
7. On Locke’s view, there is something like an enforceable moral order in the state of nature. Why, then, does he think that we need government?
8. Will Rousseau’s “savage man” be inclined to attack others in the state of nature? Why/why not?
9. On Rousseau’s view, what gives rise to the need for a state?
10. What is philosophical anarchism? How does it differ from other popular anarchist views?
11. Why, according to Wolfe, is it “impossibly hopeful” to think that government is the cause of all anti-social behavior?
12. What is the dilemma, according to Wolfe, that philosophical anarchism faces as a result of the existence of anti-social behavior?
13. According to Mill, when may the state interfere with individual behavior/choices?
14. Mill claims that there are some exceptions to the Liberty Principle. (There are some people to whom it does not apply.) What are these exceptions?
15. Does Mill advocate absolute freedom of expression? Does he recognize any exceptions?
16. Wolff argues that “[m]ere offence or dislike” cannot be the sort of “harm” that Mill has in mind. Why is this?

17. Why, according to Wolff, is the idea of natural rights “highly problematic”?
18. Wolff argues that “it does not follow that a utilitarian theory (of rights) would be a liberal theory.” Why is this?
19. According to communitarians, what are the results of “denying the importance of our community?”
20. What is the “positive liberty” that communitarians advocate?