

STUDY GUIDE
Midterm, Phil001
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The exam will be given in multiple choice format. Please bring a Scantron 882-E form (the green one) and #2 pencil to class on the day of the exam.

Make sure that you understanding what each of the following terms means:

- Empiricism
 - Solipsism
 - Skepticism
 - Particularism
 - Methodism (*epistemic* Methodism)
 - Sense Data
 - The three necessary and sufficient conditions for knowledge, according to Moore
 - Hume's two kinds of mental content (know what these are)
 - The distinction between truth-conducive and pragmatic reasons for belief
 - The distinction between logical, nomological, and technological possibility
 - Modus ponens
 - Modus tollens
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Review your notes and texts to make sure that you understand the basic principles underlying the theories of the following philosophers:

- Descartes (on certainty and skepticism)
- Hume (on empiricism)
- Hume (on causation)
- Hume (on miracles)
- Reid (on common sense and skepticism)
- Chisholm (on approaches to the problem of the criterion)
- Moore (on skepticism)
- Greene (on the sense data theory of perception)
- Clifford (on the ethics of belief)
- Long/William James (on pragmatic justification of belief)

You will be given questions designed to demonstrate an understanding of these terms.

Ex: If I believe that I can only acquire knowledge through my senses, then I endorse the view known as _____.

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| A. | Particularism | B. | Solipsism |
| C. | Empiricism | D. | Modus tollens |

You will be asked to identify textual selections from each of these philosophers. The selections will feature key claims that we have discussed at length. If you have a working understanding of each philosopher's major views, you will have no difficulty identifying the textual selections.

Ex: "It is wrong always, everywhere, and for anyone, to believe anything upon insufficient evidence."

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| A. Reid | B. Clifford |
| C. Long/James | D. Hume |

You will also encounter questions designed to show that you understand the basic features of these philosophers' views.

Ex: All of the following philosophers but one claim that I know my mind exists. Who denies this claim?

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| A. Reid | B. Descartes |
| C. Hume | D. Moore |