

## Introduction to Philosophy Test 1 Study Guide

1. What is an argument? What is the intuitive difference between a deductive argument and an inductive argument?
2. What does it mean for a deductive argument to be valid? sound? Give two common valid argument forms discussed in class.
3. What is logical consistency?
4. Define the following: epistemology, JTB theory of knowledge, skepticism.
5. Summarize the Regress Argument in your own words.
6. What is pragmatism? What was the problem with this view? Explain.
7. What is foundationalism?
8. CRITICAL THINKING- What is the Method of Doubt? What is Descartes' goal in using this method? Explain in detail.
9. CRITICAL THINKING- Does Descartes believe the senses can yield foundational beliefs? State his arguments.
10. Give an example of a modern-day evil demon argument. Explain.
11. Define the following: empiricism, rationalism.
12. What are innate ideas? Why does Descartes need them for his theory? What is Locke's argument against innate ideas?
13. CRITICAL THINKING- What is indirect realism? What is Berkeley's objection to Locke's indirect realism? Does Locke feel we can be certain about everything? (See Locke's Essay, Book I, Ch 1, § 4)
14. What is scholasticism?
15. What is natural theology? In your own words, describe what Aquinas meant when he said that God is a "sustaining" First Cause.
16. What is "Hume's objection" to the Teleological Argument?
17. What is Ockham's Razor? How does Ockham use the Razor to undermine Aquinas' arguments? Explain in detail. Be sure to include Ockham's fideism.
18. CRITICAL THINKING- How do modern-day atheists (like G. H. Smith) use Ockham's Razor against theism?
19. Define the following: omniscience, omnipotence, omnibenevolence.
20. What is the Problem of Evil? Write it in standard form. Explain it in your own words.
21. Define the following: decision matrix, expected utility.
22. How do you calculate the expected utility in a decision matrix?
23. What is Pascal's Wager? State Pascal's third argument for why one ought to believe in God.
24. What is the Many Gods objection to Pascal's Wager? What is the Zero Probability Objection to Pascal's Wager?