

### PHI 422 STUDY GUIDE 3

On exam day, I will pick two of the following four short-essay prompts, and then you will answer **one and only one of them**. HINT: study for 3 of them and then you'll be set. All are based on the lectures. The exam will be available on Blackboard at Noon on October 23 and you'll have an hour to submit it (so it'll close and be unavailable at 1PM). Shoot for 3-5 paragraphs. Here are the prompts.

**Prompt 1:** (a) What is Descartes' substance dualism? What type of argument did he give in favor of it? (b) What was Ryle's response to it? (c) What is the logical behaviorist's theory of the mind? And how is Putnam's super-spartan example problematic for behaviorism?

**Prompt 2:** (a) What is the identity theory of the mind? (b) What is the multiple realizability problem for the identity theory? (c) What is functionalism about the mind? (d) Explain Searle's Chinese Room example and state why it is problematic for the functionalist theory of the mind.

**Prompt 3:** (a) Explain Nagel's argument that the identity theorist can't explain what it's like to be a bat. (b) Explain Jackson's Mary/Knowledge argument against physicalism. (c) Explain the hard problem of consciousness. Do you think the hard problem ultimately proves physicalism to be false? Why or why not?

**Prompt 4:** (a) Explain Kripke's argument against the identity theory of mind. (b) Explain the Zombie argument against physicalism. (c) Do you think these arguments are successful? Why or why not?