

PHI 422 STUDY GUIDE 4

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 18 and you'll have until Sunday night at midnight to submit (but once you click on the *Begin* link, you'll only have an hour). Shoot for 3-5 paragraphs. Here are the prompts.

Prompt 1: What is the JTB theory of knowledge? Explain it and why each of the three conditions are on the list. Then explain Gettier's 1963 counterexample with Smith and Jones. Explain why it is a counterexample to the JTB Theory.

Prompt 2: Explain how the No False Belief condition and the Safety condition are supposed to get rid of the Gettier counterexample. Also explain whether you think the two conditions are true. Why or why not?

Prompt 3: Explain the puzzle of the Hawthorne book to me like I am a teenager who has never taken a philosophy class before.

Prompt 4: Explain how these four responses to the puzzle go: skepticism, the easy knowledge response, contextualism, and pragmatic encroachment. Which one do you think is the right response? Why?