Study Guide: Philosophy 106 Test one

Chapter 1
1. Know what Critical Thinking is (p. 2-5)
2. Basics of an argument (p. 5-12)
3. The two types of arguments (p. 14-16)
4. Truth, knowledge and value judgments (p. 16-17)

Chapter 2
1. Know the different parts of an argument (p. 41-43)
2. Deduction
   A. Know what makes a deductive argument valid or invalid
   B. Know the two criteria for sound and unsound
3. Inductive arguments
   A. Know what makes an inductive argument strong or weak
   B. Know the two criteria for a cogent argument.
Summary: Be able to do the following: explain the difference between deductive and inductive arguments; recognize deductive and inductive argument forms in a short passage; know what makes an argument valid and sound, and what makes an argument strong and cogent.

Chapter 3
1. Know the difference between vague and ambiguous statements. Can be very tricky! (p. 69-81)
2. Purpose of Definitions (p. 84-85) Stipulative, Lexical, Précising and Persuasive definitions.
3. Intention and Extension of a word
4. Denotation and Connotation of a word
5. Writing a good argument (p. 87-89)
6. Essay types to avoid (p. 89-90)
Summary: recognize vague and ambiguous statements. Know the four types of definitions and the parts of a good argumentative essay.

Chapter 4
1. Interested and Disinterested parties.
2. Content of the claim. Does it coincide with what you and others perceive to be true?
3. Credibility of the Source, Expertise and Accountability.

Chapter 5
1. Know the definitions of each rhetorical device and what each looks like. There are 12 of them. Remember a Persuasive definition is the same as a Rhetorical definition.