Study Guide of Introduction to Philosophy Final

I Epistemology and Metaphysics Section

Know the definitions of epistemology and Metaphysics

Know the difference between Mind brain Identity Theory, which is part of the mind body problem and Personal Identity, which has to do with how we define a person over time.

Know the difference between apriori knowledge and a posteriori knowledge.

Know the three different proofs for the existence of God including Contemporary intelligent design arguments, which are apart of the teleological proof.

Know Lock’s causal theory of perception and what two types of qualities make up our perceptions.

Berkeley’s Critique of Lock

Berkeley’s argument for why everything is mind dependent

Know Pascal’s Wager

Know what Qualia is

Know Ivan’s argument for why He must deny God being all-good and Heaven

Know the difference between Functionalism, Behaviorism and Identity Theory, which are all Physicalist theories.

Know Descartes’ First and second meditation

Know the difference between Determinism, Indeterminism, Libertarianism and Compatibalism.

Know the Dualist position and their argument for the non-physical mind existing

Know Hume’s argument against the teleological proof for the existence of God.

Short answer Questions

What does Descartes find doubtful in the beginning of the first meditation?
According to John Searle what is the difference between how a complex machine works and how a human mind thinks?

What is Aquinas’ proof for the existence of God?

What are the three traditional criteria for having knowledge?

What does Determinist believe and Why?

What are the similarities between determinism and compatibilism?

Lock, Berkeley and Hume are all in what epistemological group?

**II Ethics Section**

Know Hume and A.J. Ayers critique of Ethics

Know what the “is ought problem” is

Know the difference between a prescriptive claim and a descriptive claim.

Know the main point of Plato’s Book “Euthyphro”

Know Judith Jarvis Thomson’s argument for why some abortions are permissible.

Know the basic thesis of Utilitarianism
Know the two types of Utilitarianism and how they differ.

Know Kant’s argument for how we ought to treat one another.

Kant’s Two Categorical Imperatives
Mary Anne Warren’s argument on abortion
Don Marquis’ argument on Abortion

**Short Answer Questions**

What are the basic problems with Utilitarianism?

According to Thomson what does the right to not be killed mean and why?

What are Kant’s two categorical imperatives?

Utilitarianism is based on three basic principles what are they?