Philosophy 102

Study Guide

I The Nature if Philosophy
Know the names and definitions of the three main fields of Philosophy

Why Study Philosophy? Critical Thinking skills, owning your beliefs, Kant, Spinoza and Epicurus’ answer.

II What is the Nature of Reality
Materialism: Arguments for materialism and objections to the theory
Idealism: Arguments for idealism and objections to the theory
Dualism: Leibniz, Brie Gertler, and Frank Jackson. Objections to Dualism
Pragmatism: Arguments for Pragmatism and objections to the theory
Nozick Reality and actuality.

III Knowledge and Science
What is knowledge traditionally defined as? (Thanks to Plato)
Gettier Problem: Example of the clock
Fourth condition of knowledge: All underlying assumptions must be true as well.
What is science?
Frances Bacon’s model
William Whewell’s model
Karl Popper’s Model
Thomas Khune: Paradigm shifts and what a successful science look like.
Scientific Views

Know the Instrumental View

Know the Realism View

Know the Relativism View