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

The reading of Robert Nozick on Reality and Actuality.

III Knowledge and Science

What is knowledge traditionally defined as? (Thanks to Plato)

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 life.

Scientific Views

Know the Instrumental View
Know the Realism View

Know the Relativism View