

MIDTERM STUDY SHEET

PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY

These are some concepts you should understand for the midterm.

Arguments, Premises, Conclusions	Interactionism
Validity, Soundness, Persuasiveness	Epiphenomenalism
Causal Closure (of the Physical World)	Identity Theory (token, type)
Dualism v. Materialism/Physicalism	Multiple Realization
Deterministic v. Indeterministic Laws	Functionalism
Necessary v. Sufficient Conditions	Functional States
Mental States (types, tokens)	Leibniz' Law
Physical States (types, tokens)	Natural Law
Deductive v. Inductive	Determinism
Hidden Premises	Compatibilism
Parity of Reasoning	Libertarianism
<i>Reductio Ad Absurdum</i>	Hard Determinism
Equivocation	Classical Compatibilism
Occam/Ockham's Razor	Stipulative Definition
Begging the Question	Philosophical Analysis
Substances v. Properties	Correlation v. Identity
Causal Overdetermination	

You should have a good sense for how the following arguments work, what their conclusions are, and their alleged faults (if any).

Argument from Introspection	Argument from Doubt
Smart's "Argument from Simplicity"	Knowledge Argument
Consequence Argument	

Finally, some things you should be able to *do*:

- Identify the author of a characteristic passage from our readings
- Classify (very simple) arguments (as valid, sound, deductive, etc.)
- Identify hidden premises (of relatively simple arguments), and supply them
- Identify whether a "property" will lead to a failure of Leibniz' Law
- Tell whether an expression picks out objects by their functional roles or not
- Identify whether some conditions *A* are necessary or sufficient for a given *B*