

Exam Day: Thursday, September 30, 2010. (There is no class on exam day.)

Identification: Know these terms, concepts, and positions and how they relate to other concepts and positions and what ramifications each may have. Also, know the arguments for each position and each thinker's take on these positions. Any of these terms, concepts or positions could appear in a multiple choice, true-false, or short answer question. Also, know which thinkers are associated with which positions and be able to identify passages from these authors. Questions on this and other sections in the exam may be drawn from the readings, class lectures, and class notes.

Valid, Invalid Arguments

Sound, Unsound Arguments

Strong, Weak Inductive Arguments

Rational Persuasiveness

Fallacies

Skepticism, Rationalism, Empiricism, Scientific Reasoning

Weston, Descartes, Locke, Hume, Kitcher

Essay Questions: There will be several short answer essay questions.

Short answer essay questions will require you to define, discuss, or analyze some position, concept or argument about knowledge of the external world. These answers will be approximately a paragraph in length.

Expect to be able to answer how each thinker defines knowledge and what criteria each used to justify beliefs about the external world. Also, be prepared to analyze one or more of the arguments we have seen in class.

Taking the Exam: The exam is conducted entirely on Desire2Learn (D2L). If you do not know how to navigate in D2L, become familiar with it before Exam Day. At any time on Exam Day, you will have 80 minutes after entering the exam to take the test. The test ends after 80 minutes and you are graded on all the exam questions regardless of whether you have answered all the questions. In order to take the exam, you must use D2L. Familiarize yourself with D2L prior to Exam Day. The exam is open notes and open book. But, don't be fooled--if you have not studied and are not prepared in advance, you will not have enough time to look everything up.