

Mind, Matter, and Language

Advice on the exam

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The exam will take place on Tuesday, 17 December, 9.30-11.30.

- Answer a total of four questions:
- One on philosophy of language (from a choice of 2)
- Three on philosophy of mind (from a choice of 5)

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Each of your answers is a short essay.

Most of the rules for long essays apply.

- Pretend that you are writing for a moderately intelligent reader who is not familiar with the topic.
- Introduce all background necessary for understanding your claim and arguments.
- Critically engage with the material. Show your capacity for independent thought.
- Make sure you answer the question!

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- Use plain and simple English. Don't try to sound scholarly or profound.
- Use philosophical terminology correctly.
- Avoid ambiguity and vagueness.
- Organise your essay so that it follows a natural and straightforward line of thought.
- Include a brief introduction and conclusion.
- Manage your time wisely! (You have 24 minutes per question.)

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When reviewing this course, don't focus on the exam.

The wider aim of this course is to broaden your model of reality and improve your thinking and writing.