

Philosophy of Psychology
Philosophy 149
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Directions for First Exam

Bring *two* bluebooks available in the university bookstore with *nothing* written in or on them (not even your name). These may be redistributed at the time of the exam.

The exam will consist of the three parts, for which the instructions are as follows:

Part A. Answer each of the following six questions in two to three sentences each. Each question is worth up to 5 points (30 points total).

Part B. Address the following question in an essay (35 points).

Part C. Write an essay on *one* of the following topics (35 points)

The following are examples of the sorts of question that will appear in Part A:

What is psychophysics concerned with?

According to James, what different claims do science and ethics make about free-will?

For Part B, I will choose one of the following three questions:

1. What is Descartes' conception of the mind? What properties belong to the mind and what do not? Does the subject matter of current day psychology deal just the mind as conceived by Descartes or also what he thought involved the body?
2. Both Descartes and Freud employ the hydraulic metaphor in their theorizing. Explain how each uses it, making it clear what are the differences in their uses.
3. Explain the differences in James' and Freud's characterizations of *conscious* mental life. What are the implications of these differences for psychology as a science?