REVIEW
Midterm Exam

1) What is validity?
2) What is soundness?
3) What does it mean to be a skeptic?
4) What is the correspondence theory of truth?
5) What is the coherence theory of truth?
6) How does Descartes argue that he knows nothing? What are the premises?
7) What is the hidden goal of Descartes's *Meditations?*
8) What is empiricism?
9) What is rationalism?
10) What underlying assumptions about knowledge are shown to be false in order to overcome the skepticism of the "First Meditation"?
11) Reproduce the *Cogito.*
12) How does the *Cogito* defend itself against the evil demon?
13) What is the difference between formal and objective reality?
14) What are the two claims of the causal principle?
15) Produce Descartes proof for the existence of God.
16) Explain why some have argued that this proof (#15) is circular.
17) Explain why I argued that there is no vicious circle in Descartes argument.
18) God is perfect, so what is the source of error?
19) Briefly explain "dualism."
20) How does Descartes ultimately resolve the dreaming doubt?
21) Why is the evil demon no longer a problem by the end of the *Meditations*?
22) Why is the fact that the sense deceive us no longer a problem by the end of the *Meditations*?
23) According to Mills, what is the difference between the way philosophy handles women and the way it handles blacks?
24) What is “subpersonhood”?
25) What’s the difference between the Cartesian Sum and the Ellisonian Sum?
26) What does Mill’s say that Zack says about racial identity and bad faith?
27) Why does Mill’s think the body is important for blacks in a way that is alien “traditional” philosophy?
28) What is the meaning of the metaphysical positions of race (p. 45)? Define “objectivism”, “anti—objectivism”, “Realism”, “Constructivism”, “Materialist~~~ “Idealist”, “Subjectivism”, “Relativism”, and “Error Theory”.
29) Which of the criteria for racial identity do you think are/is accurate? (Your goal here is to begin developing arguments)