

## Previous Final Examination Questions Philosophy 175

Please answer all questions in the space provided. Try to answer every question, even if you think that your answer is probably wrong.

### Spring, 2007

1. According to Kant, what kinds of knowledge *a priori* are human beings capable of having, and what kinds are they not capable of having?
2. What is an *appearance* for Kant, and with what does he contrast appearances?
3. How are the *categories of understanding* related to *synthesis of a manifold*?
4. What is the nature of *causality* according to Kant?
5. What is the difference between *logical possibility* and the *category of possibility* for Kant?
6. Describe the two varieties of *idealism* with which Kant contrasts transcendental idealism.
7. What does Kant mean when he says that pure reason is concerned with the *unconditioned*?
8. What are the characteristics that rational psychology attributes to the *soul*?
9. What is the general orientation of the side of the *antithesis* in the Antinomies?
10. Describe the *idea* that Kant says rational theology has of God.

### Spring, 2009

1. According to Kant, why is there a problem in explaining how *a priori* concepts can refer to objects given in sense-perception?
2. Why did Kant think that *a priori* synthetic judgments are so important?
3. What is the basic reason that categories of the understanding apply to experience?
4. What is the nature of *substance* according to Kant?

5. What is the principle of the understanding that applies the category of *existence* to objects of experience?
6. What is the thesis of transcendental idealism?
7. What is an *idea of reason*, according to Kant?
8. Why does the fact that the soul is a *simple substance* **not** imply that the soul is *indestructible*?
9. What kind of attractiveness to reason does the *thesis* in the Antinomies have?
10. Why does *existence* **not** follow from the concept of a “most real being?”