Metaphysics Exercise 9


Note this is to be done on-line via Question Cloud if possible. However, if this proves impossible for some reason, please hand this in as a hard copy or e-mail your answers to your TA.

1. About which of the following would Spinoza and Descartes disagree?
   a. My idea of myself is the idea of a finite substance.
   b. My idea of God is the idea of an infinite substance.
   c. Everything that exists depends on God.
   d. Any essential property of a substance expresses its whole essence.
   e. All of the above.
   f. (a), (b) and (d).

2. About which of the following would Spinoza and Descartes agree with each other, but disagree with Avicenna?
   a. Every corporeal substance is finite.
   b. If I know that a substance causes a certain effect, then I can deduce the possibility of that effect from my knowledge of the substance’s essential properties.
   c. The quantity of a substance which will fill a certain place is its specific (formal) quantity, and if I know this quantity I can know its essential quality.
   d. A substance is defined by certain essential properties which make it what it is.
   e. A substance is prior in being to a non-substance.
   f. (b), (c) and (d).

3. Spinoza thinks we should believe God exists because:
   a. The authority of the Church is behind this belief, and it would be inconvenient to challenge the authority of the Church.
   b. God is a conceivable substance, and any conceivable substance must exist.
   c. God is an eminent being, and all eminent beings must exist.
   d. God is an axiom, and all axioms must exist.
   e. All of the above.
   f. None of the above.