

## Metaphysics Exercise 9

Phil. 100B, Winter 2011. Due Tues., Feb. 15.

**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.