

Phil. 270: 3/31/20: Proposed (Tentative) Replacement for the Final Exam

Possible version with somewhat shorter essays with changes in red

Feedback welcome

Three essays, of the length and basic form of the short written exercises that you did over the semester, and graded the same (low-pressure) way, except that **they will be a bit shorter**, most will be focused on two related writings (requiring less detailed summaries), and will allow (though not require) a bit more space spent on summary and less on critical commentary/questions, and essays will be due after we have discussed the relevant readings in class.

Each essay: a total of 700 – 1050 **[600-800]** words (about 2 – 3 pages), for B-E:

- 600 – 700 words (about 1½ - 2 pages) **[500-600]** of summary/exposition of the designated readings for the essay
- 100 – 350 words (about ¼ - 1 page) **[100-200]** of critical commentary about, or a question or questions you have about, the material you've summarized above

Choose three of the five essays below:

- Essay A: Reading 11 from the syllabus [*note different specifications below]
- Essay B: Readings 12 and 13 from the syllabus
- Essay C: Readings 14 and 15 from the syllabus
- Essay D: Any two of readings 16, 17, and 18
- Essay E: Any two of readings 19, 20, and 21

*specs for Essay A only: this one is for those who have something to say about Siegel, and can have more critical commentary, and so for this one choice the specifications are: 500 – 600 **[450-550]** words of summary/exposition and 200 – 450 words **[150-250]** of critical commentary

It is fine for there to be overlap between one of your final exam essays and your course paper.

Essays due by May 6 at 5:00 pm (New Haven time), but can be turned at any time between our covering of the relevant readings and that final due time. (So Essay A can be turned in now.)