

Phil. 270/570: 4/7/20: Replacement for the Final Exam

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, on the same ✓ system, except that they will be a bit shorter, most will be focused on two related writings (requiring less detailed summaries), and essays will be due after we have discussed the relevant readings in class. It will be fine if essays go over-length. The lengths are there to set a minimum, and to give assurance that shorter essays, in line with the guidelines, are fine, and will be evaluated in terms of what can be done in short space allotted.

Each essay: a total of 600 – 800 (about 1.7 – 2.3 pages) for B-E:

- 500 – 600 words (about 1.4 – 1.7 pages) of summary/exposition of the designated readings for the essay
- 100 – 200 words (about 0.3 - 0.6 page) 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: 450 – 550 words (about 1.3 – 1.6 pages) of summary/exposition and 150 – 250 words (about 0.4 – 0.7 pages) 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.)