

Paper No - 18. PHILOSOPHY OF MIND (Western)

Marks. 100

Part I. Mind and Body

1. Introduction, the mind/body problem, and Descartes' dualism
Text: Descartes, Meditations II and VI (Chalmers article #1)
2. Behaviourism
Text: Ryle, "Descartes' Myth," (Chalmers #5)
3. Identity Theories
Text: Smart, "Sensations and Brain Processes," (Chalmers #9)
4. Functionalism
Text: Putnam, "The Nature of Mental States," (Chalmers #11).
5. Problems with Functionalism: The Knowledge Argument
Text: "Epiphenomenal Qualia," (Chalmers #28)

Part II. The Mental: Consciousness and Content

6. Consciousness
Text: Nagel, "What is it Like to be a Bat?" (Chalmers #25).

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

1. David J. Chalmers, *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2002.

FURTHER READINGS

1. Crane, T., *The Mechanical Mind: A Philosophical Introduction to Minds, Machines and Mental Representation*, (2nd edition), Routledge, New York, 2003.
2. Kim, J., *Philosophy of Mind*, (3rd edition), Westview Press, 2010.
3. Heil, J., *Philosophy of Mind: A Contemporary Introduction* (3rd edition), Routledge, London, 2012.
4. Churchland, P., *Matter and Consciousness: A Contemporary Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind*, MIT Press, USA, 1988.