

Philosophy 1
Los Angeles Harbor College
Study Guide - Midterm #2 Test Date: 10/19

In addition to your take home assignment, there will be an in-class multiple choice exam

The questions will be based off the following readings and lectures.

Hobbes Lecture. Karl Marx Lecture and Reading. Labor Lecture:

1. What is the state of nature?
2. What does Hobbes believe humans are like in the state of nature?
3. According to Hobbes, how do we escape the state of nature?
4. How does Hobbes characterize "the social contract"?
 - a. What parties establish and maintain a social contract?
5. What are the purpose of laws in a society maintained by a social contract?
6. What are the two classes which Marx believes are in constant conflict?
7. Marx believes that capitalism should be eliminated. What specific feature of capitalism is the root of the problem?
8. How is value assigned in capitalism?
9. What type of political system does Marx support?
10. How might you say that Marxism is different from the political systems for which he is often associated with?
11. How does Marx believe capitalism should be vanquished?
12. What is the difference between exploitation and alienation?
13. In what ways do laborers experience exploitation and alienation?
14. How does supply and demand relate to exploitation and alienation?
15. What is commodification?
16. Why does Marx say that "religion is the opiate of the masses"? What might a contemporary viewpoint be?
17. Why might a capitalist society like ours view unions negatively?
18. What use do labor unions have in combating the issues of capitalism?
19. In the Documentary, why was Boeing planning to move their central plant from Washington to South Carolina?
20. According to the Documentary, how do democrats and republicans view unions in the US?
21. What does Marx say about technology in the work-place?

Foucault Lecture / Reading

1. Who coined the term "Panopticon"?
2. What is the "Panopticon" and why is it so intriguing?
3. Why does Foucault believe our society is structured like a Panopticon?
4. Who coined the term "Knowledge is Power"? How is it originally characterized?
5. What is the relation between Knowledge, Power, and Control for Foucault?
6. Foucault says "in knowing we control and in controlling we know."
7. Foucault's three techniques for control:
 - a. Hierarchical Observation
 - b. Normalizing Judgment
 - c. Examination
8. Why is the examination a prime example of control?
9. What is the meaning of this quote? "A distinctive feature of modern power (disciplinary control) is its concern with what people have not done (nonobservance), with, that is, a person's failure to reach required standards."
10. How is "normalization" connected to legality?
11. How is "normalization" connected to discipline?
 - a. Why is discipline no longer linked to punishment?
12. According to Foucault, is a person in our society aware of the fact they are being controlled?
13. How is oppression "institutionalized" according to Foucault?