

Senior Thesis Assessment Questionnaire

Reader _____

Thesis author: _____

1. The paper contains a clearly stated thesis on a particular philosophical issue.

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2. The paper cites important figures from the history of philosophy in order to provide a clear and accurate account of some of the principal positions that have been advocated in regard to the issue.

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3. The paper cites important contemporary philosophers in order to provide a clear and accurate account of some of the principal positions that have been advocated in regard to the issue.

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4. The paper defends a thesis with a plausible line of reasoning, using complex argument forms and avoiding fallacies.

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5. The paper clearly and charitably states philosophically respectable objections that have been, or could be, made against the thesis.

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6. The paper develops adequate replies to these objections or, in light of them, modifies the thesis.

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7. The paper includes proper citations and a bibliography and exhibits a familiarity with the tools of philosophical research.

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8. The paper sustains a six to eight thousand word lengthy, argumentative prose style with a clear and logical organization and without resorting to padding.

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