

## Second Paper Assignment

**Due: Thursday, Sept. 3**

**Due at the beginning of lecture, Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009.** Your essay should be at least 4 pages long but no more than 5 pages, double-spaced with one-inch margins and 12-point, Times New Roman font or an equivalent (not Wingdings or Webdings). This paper is worth 35% of your course grade. Keep quotations to a minimum. **Do not simply cut and paste lecture notes, as that may constitute plagiarism.** You are expected to write a coherent and concise philosophical essay that will demonstrate your exegetical and analytical skills.

**Late papers:** Refer to the course syllabus for the policy on late papers.

Write on the following topic, answering each part of the topic:

Explain Philosophical Behaviorism. What reasons does Gilbert Ryle provide for thinking that the Interaction Problem for Cartesian Dualism rests on a category mistake? Be sure to explain and provide examples of a category mistake. Explain the objection that Philosophical Behaviorism is false on the grounds that it cannot account for the fact that mental states are causes of behavior. Be sure to answer the following question with supporting reasons: Does the objection work against Philosophical Behaviorism? How might a philosophical behaviorist respond to this objection? And is this response adequate?