

Philosophy Induction

Within the Philosophy course it is important to be able to break down and explain the arguments of a given philosopher and then to be able to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their argument. For your induction task, we are asking you to research and explain the arguments of two philosophers and then to do a critical comparison (so to look at the strengths and weaknesses of both approaches and then decide which argument is stronger).

When explaining the arguments, it is important that you support your points with examples to demonstrate how the argument works.

Again, when exploring strengths and weaknesses, you will be expected to justify your argument with evidence and examples.

1) Explain Aristotle's Four Causes (5)

2) Explain Plato's theory of forms (ideals) and how he uses the cave analogy to illustrate it. (12) - in this question you need to explain the theory of forms itself and then go on to explain how the cave analogy works, including how the different aspects of the analogy relate to the theory of forms.

3) Is there any evidence to support the claim that there is innate knowledge? (25)

Extra help and guidance

Resources for this task will be shared with you during induction day. These can be emailed to you as well.

Please contact Natalie Clark via email natalie.clark@kingedwardvi.org.uk and she will send you the relevant resources and web links.

It is imperative that you contact Natalie before the start of the summer holidays if you are struggling with the task.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

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