

**University of Regina
Department of Philosophy and Classics
Critical Thinking, Philosophy 150 Luther College
Final Examination Preparation Summer 2017**

The following directions and sections will appear as you see them here on the final examination. The exam is closed-book and all cellphones mp3 and cd players will be put away. Only paper dictionaries (no electronic), however, may be consulted. You will have 3 hours to complete the examination.

Part I: (30%) Identify all faults of reasoning or fallacies in the following passages. This includes all the fallacies discussed in the course. Explain why you think the fallacy is being committed and provide reasons to support a judgment of how serious it is. Perhaps the fallacy can be saved and if so, give reasons. (Most likely 6-10 questions)

Part II: (30%) Diagram the following arguments, identifying premises and conclusions. Determine whether the argument is deductive or non-deductive. Next, fully evaluate the argument for strength and cogency or for validity and soundness. Your evaluation in the cases of inductive arguments will require identifying contentious assumed premises and determining whether an alternate or opposite conclusion could follow just as easily or more readily from the given premises. (Most likely 5 or 6 questions)

Part III: (20%) For each explanation, identify what state of affairs is being explained and what the explanation is. For the ones that specify this, apply the stated 2 criteria of adequacy to determine whether the theory passes the test. (Most likely 5 questions)

Part IV: (20%) For each stand alone claim or claims, determine whether to accept, reject or proportion belief to the evidence. Remember to do your best to give good reasons for your verdict. (Most likely 5)

Bonus Section: (10% or so) As many as 5 questions will appear here.