

**Department of Philosophy**  
**Philosophy 150-L70**  
**Critical Thinking**  
**Midterm Preparation**  
**Summer 2017**

The following sections will appear word for word on the Midterm Examination Sheet. The value per section, number of questions and value of the question could change.

This is a closed book examination but paper dictionaries are allowed. No notes, however, can be consulted during the examination. No mp3 players or cell phones can be accessed.

You will have 75 minutes to complete this examination. Use your time well.

**Part I (30%)** For each of the following passages, determine the likelihood of the presence of self-interested thinking, face-saving or group pressure. If there is group pressure, determine whether it is an instance of peer pressure or appeal to popularity. (6 questions, 5 marks each)

**Part II (20%)** For each of the following passages, determine whether an argument is present. Then, identify premise(s) and conclusion(s). (5 questions, 4 marks each)

**Part III (30%)** For each deductive argument, identify the type (conditional, disjunctive or categorical) and determine whether it is valid and sound. (5 questions)

**Part IV (20%)** Identify the fault (s) of reasoning, obstacles to good critical thinking or fallacies present in the following passages. This could include subjective relativism, cultural relativism and skepticism along with fallacies such as appeal to popularity. (4 or 5 questions)