



# HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

## Philosophy 2023

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<p><b>Holiday Homework Required</b></p>	<p><b>Consciousness Conundrum</b> Read the handout and answer the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Briefly explain what is meant by the mind / problem.</li> <li>2. What are the main two competing perspectives of the mind / body problem? Explain each in a paragraph.</li> <li>3. Outline one of the problems that consciousness poses.</li> <li>4. What does it mean that consciousness is 'hidden'?</li> <li>5. Project into the future – do you believe that it will be possible for science to explain consciousness?</li> <li>6. What is a non-physical fact according to the extract? In your opinion, do non-physical facts exist? Why / why not?</li> </ol> <p><b>Glossary</b> Make a glossary of the following terms (make sure to use a philosophical source!): <i>consciousness; 'the Hard Problem'; dualism; materialism/physicalism; behaviourism; qualia; mental states; monism; immaterialism/idealism; epiphenomenalism; interactionism; parallelism; functionalism.</i></p> <p><b>Research task</b> Conduct research into one example of abnormal consciousness and complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the case study in a paragraph</li> <li>• Discuss implications for a dualist / physicalist understanding of the mind / body problem</li> </ul> <p>Your research should be roughly 500 words in length. You may like to choose an example of the following: acquired brain injury; near death experiences; artificial intelligence; animal intelligence; free will.</p> <p><b>Reading</b> Descartes text selection 'Meditations on First Philosophy' – make sure to highlight and annotate as you go.</p>

<b>Recommended Work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read chapter 1 VCE Philosophy Unit 3/4 textbook and complete activities</li><li>• Contact teacher for recommended readings</li></ul>
<b>Key Links</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VCAA Philosophy website: <a href="https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vce/vce-study-designs/Philosophy/Pages/Index.aspx">https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vce/vce-study-designs/Philosophy/Pages/Index.aspx</a></li></ul>
<b>Additional Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robinson-McCarthy, Symes 'VCE Philosophy; a student text for Units 3/4' (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), David Barlow Publishing (2018)</li><li>• Warburton, 'Philosophy, the basics' (5<sup>th</sup> edition) Routledge (2012)</li><li>• See text list for set texts for this subject</li></ul>