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PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY

Answer THREE questions.

1. 'Freud explains dreams in the way that, according to Davidson, we explain actions.'
Discuss.
2. Does recent neuroscientific work have implications for psychoanalytic theory?
3. Is psychoanalysis unfalsifiable? Can it have empirical support?
4. Does an adequate science of psychology need to posit mental representations?
5. 'The claim that most lexical concepts have definitional structure is entirely without plausibility.' Discuss.
6. What, if any, is the real distinction between the theory theory and the simulation theory of our understanding of minds?
7. 'The systematicity of cognition has no consequences for models of cognitive architecture.' Discuss.
8. 'Connectionist models of our acquisition of the English past tense show that rules are dispensable in accounting for our linguistic competence.' Discuss.
9. What role, if any, does intentional content play in computational accounts of cognition?
10. Is Chomsky right to claim that linguistic theory is about the internal structure of speakers' minds?
11. EITHER (a) What reasons, if any, do we have for believing that there are innate concepts?
OR (b) 'The concept of innateness is fundamentally confused.' Discuss.

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12. 'Evolutionary considerations have no useful role to play in the construction of theories of cognition.' Discuss.
13. How plausible is the claim that the mind is massively modular?
14. Can intentional content be explained in terms of biological function?

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