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EPISTEMOLOGY & METHODOLOGY

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Answer THREE questions.

1. 'If I were a brain in a vat, I could not think that I am a brain in a vat. I can so think. So I am not a brain in a vat.' Discuss.
2. What is the argument from illusion? Does it prove that there is no genuine perceptual knowledge of the external world?
3. 'To know is just to track the truth.' Discuss.
4. 'The key to solving the Ravens Paradox is the realization that non-black things do not comprise a natural kind.' Discuss.
5. 'Inductive reasoning is justified because it works.' Is it?
6. Is believing a conditional believing that something is true?
7. How, if at all, are laws involved in scientific explanation?
8. 'If p is true and I use a reliable method to arrive at my belief in p, that is enough to insure that I know that p.' Discuss.
9. Must reasonable belief rest on foundations?
10. When, if ever, is inference to the best explanation a reasonable epistemic strategy?

11. Can there be a priori knowledge of contingent truths?

12. Should rational degrees of belief satisfy the probability calculus?

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