Metaphysics Exercise 11

Phil. 100B, Winter 2011. Due Thurs., Feb. 24.

Note this is to be done on-line via Question Cloud if possible. However, if this proves impossible for some reason, please hand this in as a hard copy or e-mail your answers to your TA.

- 1. About which of the following would Descartes and Spinoza disagree?
- a. A human mind perceives external bodies insofar as they affect its own body.
- b. A human mind can be conceived without its body.
- c. A human mind is not extended.
- d. An animal mind is of the same general nature as a human mind, but simpler.
- e. All of the above.
- f. None of the above.
- 2. According to Spinoza, of which of the following do we have adequate ideas?
- a. Our own bodies.
- b. External bodies.
- c. Whatever is common to all bodies.
- d. The essence of God.
- e. (a), (c) and (d).
- f. (c) and (d).
- 3. According to Spinoza, every idea, as related to God, is adequate and true. What supposedly follows from this?
- a. We can be in error only insofar as we fail to affirm (judge) the true ideas found in our mind.
- b. What is a false idea, as related to our mind, is not an idea at all, but only an images, as related to God; so, as related to God, it is neither true nor false.
- c. What we call "false ideas" in our mind are not really ideas, but mere images.
- d. A true idea in our mind is like a transitive verb, but a false idea is not transitive, and so does not relate to God.
- e. All of the above.
- f. None of the above.