Metaphysics Exercise 12

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1. About which of the following would Descartes and Spinoza agree with each other, but disagree with Porphyry?
   a. A body is a corporeal substance.
   b. Some bodies are corruptible (can naturally cease to exist).
   c. Bodies differ from one another only in ways that can be understood based on the nature of extension (motion, shape, size, arrangement of parts, etc.).
   d. Every body has a mind.
   e. (a) and (b).
   f. (a), (b), and (c).

2. According to Spinoza, what is the relationship between the human soul (or mind) and its body?
   a. The soul is the form of the body.
   b. The soul causes the body to exist.
   c. The soul perceives everything that happens in the body.
   d. The soul and the body express the same thing about the essence of God, but under different attributes.
   e. All of the above.
   f. (c) and (d).

3. About which of the following would Descartes and Spinoza disagree?
   a. Some ideas in the human soul (or mind) have bodies as the cause of their formal being.
   b. A human soul could never imagine that its own body exists unless its body actually did exist.
   c. A human soul could never imagine that an external body exists unless that body actually did exist.
   d. Normally, a human soul imagines something when certain fluid parts of its body move in the way they would if that thing were present, and push or leave impressions on certain soft parts of its body.
   e. All of the above.
   f. (a) and (b).