

Personal Identity Guide

Be able to state and differentiate between the Body Criterion, Genetic Criterion, Brain Criterion, and Conscious Properties Criterion (Psychological Continuity) of personal identity.

What are the difficulties faced by these? Be able to give examples.

Know the difference between qualitative and quantitative/numerical identity.

Be able to apply the various positions to new examples.

Locke:

Which criterion is necessary for personal identity?

Which criterion is sufficient for personal identity?

Does Locke accept or reject the "common belief view about personal identity" discussed by Parfit?

Hume:

Why must identity be a one-to-one relationship according to Hume?

From what is identity, of any kind, derived and why?

Which constitutes personal identity, if either, quantitative or qualitative identity? Be able to explain (Ship of Thessius example).

Parfit:

What is the "common belief view of personal identity most people hold"?

What is the consequence(s) of rejecting the common belief view?

- For moral accountability
- For personal identity

Is Parfit's view consistent with Hume's view? Be able to explain.

Whose view is consistent with neurological research?

Whose view is related to the varying views discussed in the Free Will section?