

Philosophy

Final Exam

- 1 What is the Date Today? _____.
- 2 What is your name? _____.
- 3 What is your favorite color? _____.
- 4 What is the average airspeed of an unladen swallow? _____.^{1.}
- 5 What grade do you believe you've earned for this course? _____.
- 6 Rate your level of appreciation of Philosophy on a scale of 0 to 4, 0 indicating no appreciation and 4 indicating full appreciation. _____.^{2.}
- 7 What are the three most important things in your life in order of importance?
 - a. _____ Why? _____
 - b. _____ Why? _____
 - c. _____ Why? _____.
- 8 What are your three top goals / desires
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____.
- 9 Thought Experiment: Imagine that for some reason outside your control you **MUST** abandon one of your three goals / desires. Which will you abandon, and on what **philosophical** basis?

- 10 You probably appeal to something other than an item listed in your answer to questions 7 or 8 to make your choice at question 9? Explain and discuss.

1. The answer to question 4 is, according to www.style.org (May 2010) Although a definitive answer would of course require further measurements, published species-wide averages of wing length and body mass, initial Strouhal estimates based on those averages and cross-species comparisons, the Lund wind tunnel study of birds flying at a range of speeds, and revised Strouhal numbers based on that study all lead me to estimate that the average cruising airspeed velocity of an unladen European Swallow is roughly **11 meters per second**, or **24 miles an hour**.

2. Appreciation is not knowledge. Rather, appreciation is to be taken here as an aesthetic value, emotional value, care or interest.