

Topic	Content	Key Knowledge
Soul, mind and body*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the philosophical language of soul, mind and body in the thinking of Plato and Aristotle • metaphysics of consciousness, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ substance dualism ○ materialism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plato's view of the soul as the essential and immaterial part of a human, temporarily united with the body • Aristotle's view of the soul as the form of the body; the way the body behaves and lives; something which cannot be separated from the body • the idea that mind and body are distinct substances • Descartes' proposal of material and spiritual substances as a solution to the mind/soul and body problem • the idea that mind and consciousness can be fully explained by physical or material interactions • the rejection of a soul as a spiritual substance
<p>Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to ideas about soul, mind and body, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materialist critiques of dualism, and dualist responses to materialism • whether the concept of 'soul' is best understood metaphorically or as a reality • the idea that any discussion about the mind-body distinction is a category error 		
<p>Contextual references</p> <p><i>For reference, the ideas Descartes listed above can be found in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descartes, <i>Principles of Philosophy</i>, I.60–65 <p>Suggested scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority</p> <p><i>Learners will be given credit for referring to any appropriate scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority, however the following examples may prove useful</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackmore, S. (2010) <i>Consciousness; an introduction</i>, Routledge, Chapters 1, 2 and 17 • Ryle, G. (1949 – many editions available) <i>The Concept of Mind</i>, Chapter 1 • Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (2003 rev. 2009) <i>Ancient Theories of the Soul</i> http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ancient-soul/ 		