**Essay paper 2: consciousness study questions**

**What is the hard problem of consciousness? How is it different from the real problem of consciousness?**

**What is the emergentist approach to solving the hard problem of consciousness? How is it developed in Indian philosophy?**

**What is the panpsychist approach to solving the hard problem of consciousness? What is Strawson’s argument for micropsychism? What is the combination problem for micropsychism?**

**What is cosmopsychism? What is the decombination problem for cosmopsychism?**

**What is the central question in Indian philosophy that make is appear as if theories of consciousness in their tradition can relate to the cosmopsychist approach in the analytic tradition? What are the four options for relating the self and consciousness?**

**What is Sri Aurobindo’s evolutionary cosmopsychism? Do you think it solves or answers the hard problem of consciousness? Why or why not?**

**What is Rāmānuja’s critique of Śaṅkara’s Advaitic account of the relation between atman and Brahman? What are two main differences between Rāmānuja and Śaṅkara’s systems? (hint: can consciousness be present without a subject? The nature of Brahman?)**

**Why does Albahari think that Advaita offers an important contribution to the mind-body problem? What is that contribution?**

**What is Vaidya’s argument for holding that Advaita cannot give a solution to the hard problem of consciousness? Do you think it is plausible? Why or why not?**