Philosophy 270, Fall 2008

Topics for test 4

The following are the topics to be covered. The proportion of the test covering each will approximate the proportion of the classes so far that have been devoted to that topic. Your homework and the <u>collection of old tests</u> will provide specific examples of the kinds of questions I might ask.

- Analysis. Be ready to handle any of the key issues discussed in class—for example, the proper analysis of every, no, and only (see §7.2.2), how to incorporate bounds on complementary generalizations (see §7.2.3), ways of handling compound quantifier phrases (such as only cats and dogs, see §7.3.2), the distinction between every and any (see §§7.3.3 and 7.4.2), how to represent multiple quantifier phrases with overlapping scope (see §7.4.1). You should be able restate your analysis using unrestricted quantifiers (see §7.2.1), but you will not need to present it in English notation.
- *Synthesis*. You may be given a symbolic form and an interpretation of its non-logical vocabulary and asked to express the sentence in English. Remember that the distinction between every and any can be important here, too.
- *Derivations*. Be able to construct derivations to show that entailments hold and to show that they fail. I may tell you in advance whether an entailment holds or leave it to you to check that using derivations. If a derivation fails, you *may* be asked to present a counterexample, which will involve describing a structure. You will *not* be responsible for the rules introduced in §7.8.1.