**IME Worksheet 5.3: Exploration, Crafting a Philosophical Response**

Relates to **Exploration: Crafting a Philosophical Response**, IME p. 101

Craft a brief philosophical essay in which you affirm, refute, build on, or otherwise respond to the position taken by the author of one of the articles in the section called “Clarifying Constructs and Theories” in IME Chapter 5. Apply what you would use in any other mode of inquiry:

* Introduce your essay with an argumentation, a brief story, or a vignette that illustrates the point(s) you plan to make.
* Clearly state the point you are responding to, and articulate your chosen line of reasoning (i.e., premises; see IME Chapter 4).
* Define key terms and place them into your question(s) and argumentation without replacing the terms. Retain those key terms throughout the essay.
* Use those definitions consistently. If your essay is about defining a term, say so as part of your research rationale.
* Document strength of evidence in specific arguments; point to divergent, contradictory, or even unclear philosophical positions that emanate from different forms of reasoning.