History of Modern Philosophy Comprehensive Exam Reading List


**Descartes**

*Meditations on First Philosophy* (all)

**Spinoza**

*The Ethics*

- Part I
  - Part III, Propositions 1-9
  - Preface to Part IV

**Locke**

*Essay Concerning Human Understanding*

- Epistle to the Reader
- BK I, Ch. 1, 2, 4
- BK II, Ch. 1, 2, 8, 12, 13, 23, 27
- BK III, Ch. 1, 2, 3, 6
- BK IV, Ch. 1, 2, 3, 9, 11

**Berkeley**

*Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous* (all)

**Hume**

*Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

- Sections 1-8

*Treatise of Human Nature*

- Introduction
- Book I: Part I, Part III (omit 11-13), Part IV, ch. 2 and ch. 6

**Kant**

*Critique of Pure Reason*

- Preface to Second Edition
- Introduction
- Refutation of Idealism
- Second Analogy of Experience