LANGARA COLLEGE

Philosophy 2203: Metaphysics

Quiz #7

TIME: 10 minutes

February 28, 2023

At the start of class, **one** of the following questions will be selected at random for students to answer. In preparation, please read texts 14 and 15 on the '2203 Readings' page.

- 1. After reading the remainder of van Inwagen's chapter on free will, say what is meant by 'agent causation', and briefly explain why agent causation is supposed by some to be needed for free will. (Robert Kane also explains this apparent need, in his discussion of the case where he chooses to spend his vacation in Hawaii, so you can refer to that also if you wish.)
- 2. Kane suggests that incompatibilists about free will should focus less on the 'condition of alternate possibilities', and pay more attention to the 'condition of ultimate responsibility'. Say what 'ultimate responsibility' refers to, and describe the advantage Kane sees in linking free will to UR rather than AP.

3.	In Section 4 of his essay, Kane talks of "old habits of thought" that will have to be broken if we are ever going to understand free will. Summarise some of these habits.					