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LANGARA COLLEGE

**Philosophy 2201: Epistemology**

**Quiz #1**

TIME: 10 minutes

January 10, 2024

*At the start of class, **one** of the following questions will be selected at random for students to answer.*

(For these questions please read chapters 1 and 2 of *Skepticism and the Veil of Perception* by Michael Huemer.)

1. In Chapter 1 of his book, Huemer asks, “How do you know that you aren’t, right now, a brain in a vat?” Summarise what he means by a ‘brain in a vat’ here.
  
2. In Chapter 2, Huemer considers the plausible claim that, “In order for me to know something to be true, I must have an adequate reason for believing it.” He states however that this claim “creates the threat of an infinite regress”. Explain briefly, in your own words, why such a regress seems to arise.
  
3. Briefly describe Huemer’s imaginary community of “eight-ball reasoners”, and summarise how Huemer uses them to argue that “ultimately you cannot establish the reliability of your cognitive faculties”.

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