Reading questions for Armstrong, "Universals as Attributes"

(1) What is the Principle of Instantiation?

(2) Explain the distinction between univerailia ante res, universalia in rebus, and universalia post res.

(3) Why is Armstrong so skeptical of negative and disjunctive universals, but not conjunctive universals?

(4) What is Armstrong's view of the relation between predicates and universals?

(5) What is the truth-maker principle? Why does Armstrong think the principle requires us to postulate (in addition to properties) states of affairs?

Reading questions for Lewis, "New Work..."

(6) What does Lewis think properties are?

(7) What is the One over Many problem? Why is Lewis unpersuaded by Armstrong's claim (in earlier work) that you need universals to solve the One over Many problem?

(8) What are natural properties? What is duplication?

(9) What is intrinsicness? (Give examples.) How does Lewis propose to analyze intrinsicness in terms of duplication?

(10) What is a natural law? (Give examples.) How would Lewis decide which true generalizations are natural laws?