

# Minds and Machines

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**Assignment 2: 3-5 pages**

Due Tuesday, September 20th

## **Remember:**

- **You must do one of the first 3 assignments.**
- **No late papers**
- **Use your own words—no quotations or paraphrases**

• Answer **all** of the questions **in order**. Allocate space to your responses in proportion to what you find interesting.

1. In a few sentences, what is the blockhead? (This term is used in David Braddon-Mitchell and Frank Jackson "Four Challenges to Functionalism", pages 107-128 of *Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, Blackwell, 2007)
2. What is the point of the blockhead supposed to be?
3. Is the blockhead possible? If not, what is the relevance of its impossibility?
4. What do you think the blockhead shows, if anything at all?  
(Remember, Professor Block will not be grading these questions.)
5. Some say the blockhead has the intelligence of a toaster. Do you agree? Explain your answer.