

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

MA PHILOSOPHY NEW REGULATIONS for Internal Students

PLATO & ARISTOTLE

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Answer THREE questions.

1. When Socrates says that he knows that he knows nothing, does he contradict himself?
2. Does Plato's theory of recollection provide a good answer to the paradox of inquiry?
3. Critically examine Plato's arguments for the immortality of the soul in the Phaedo.
4. Explain and evaluate any one argument for Plato's theory of forms.
5. Explain and assess the Republic's argument that justice pays.
6. How did Plato respond to the Third Man Argument in the Parmenides? How should he have responded to the argument?
7. Does Socrates have a satisfactory argument against Protagorean relativism in the Theaetetus?
8. EITHER (a) Explain Aristotle's doctrine of the four causes.
OR (b) Evaluate Aristotle's reasons for believing that teleological explanations are necessary for natural phenomena.
9. Why, according to the Categories, are individual substances primary substances?
10. Explain and assess Aristotle's 'function argument' for his account of happiness in Nicomachean Ethics I.7
11. Does Aristotle have a theory of prime matter?
12. 'If the eye were an animal, sight would be its soul.' How does this claim illuminate Aristotle's account of the relation between body and soul?

13. How, according to Aristotle, do we perceive that we see or hear?

14. If it is true that there will be a sea-battle tomorrow, can we avoid the necessity of a sea-battle tomorrow, on Aristotle's view?

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