HISTORY OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY

Answer three questions only, at least one from each section.

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering an either/or question, indicate the letter as well.
SECTION A: Plato’s Republic

1. Either (a) Does Plato prove that the just life is the most rewarding life?
   Or (b) Will the Philosopher Rulers be happy to rule?

2. What is Plato's strongest point against democracy? Is it right?

3. Does knowledge of the Forms help or hinder the Philosophers in ruling?

4. Either (a) Assess the role of the producer class in the just city.
   Or (b) Assess the role of the appetitive part of soul in the just man.

5. Does Plato successfully show that the just ruler is a benevolent ruler?

SECTION B: Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics

6. Does Aristotle have a viable meta-ethical position?

7. Is Aristotle correct to assume that a change of habit will result in a change of feeling? What role does this conviction play in his moral philosophy?

8. What role, according to Aristotle, does failure in reason play in akrasia? Was he right?

9. Either (a) Why does Aristotle privilege the contemplative life in Nicomachean Ethics Book X? Does this make any sense?
   Or (b) Aristotle claimed that nobody can be said to have been happy until after their death. Was he right?

10. Why, according to Aristotle, is justice not a mean? How then can it be a virtue?

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