



CLASSICAL TRIPOS Part IB

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Paper 4

Thursday 7 June 2018 9 to 12

GREEK AND ROMAN PHILOSOPHY

Answer **three** questions, at least **one** from each Section.

Use a separate booklet for each Section.

Irrelevance will be penalised.

All questions carry equal marks.

Write your **number** (**not** your name) on the coversheet of **each** Section booklet.

Candidates who do not write legibly may find themselves at a grave disadvantage.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

8 Page Booklets x 3

Rough Work Pad x 1

Tags

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None

<p>You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed that you may do so by the Invigilator.</p>
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SECTION A

1 Should the lovers of sights and sounds let themselves be persuaded that they do not love wisdom?

2 How well does the analogy between cities and ships explain the place of expertise in politics?

3 Ἔχει δὴ, οἶμαι, λόγον τὴν ἀρίστην φύσιν ἐν ἀλλοτριωτέρᾳ οὖσαν τροφῇ κάκιον ἀπαλλάττειν τῆς φαύλης.

It stands to reason then, I think, that the finest nature in a more alien environment will turn out worse than an inferior one.

Republic 491d7-9 (trans. Emlyn-Jones and Preddy)

How plausible is it that the greatest threat to a city comes from those who promise its greatest benefit?

4 What does Socrates mean by saying that the Form of the Good, as *Republic* 509b8-9 puts it, “extends beyond being in dignity and power” (ἔτι ἐπέκεινα τῆς οὐσίας πρεσβεία καὶ δυνάμει ὑπερέχοντος)?

5 Does Socrates use the images of the Line and the Cave to tell one consistent story?

6 Why should mathematics be, as *Republic* 531e6-7 puts it, “useful for the investigation of the fine and the good” (χρήσιμον ... πρὸς τὴν τοῦ καλοῦ τε καὶ ἀγαθοῦ ζήτησιν)?

SECTION B

- 7** In what ways can the world be seen as subject to a single rational control? Discuss with reference to at least two thinkers before Plato.
- 8** What, if anything, is proved by the arguments assembled in Parmenides' Way Of Truth?
- 9** State and solve one of Zeno's paradoxes.
- 10** How can things change? Discuss with reference to one or more of Democritus, Empedocles, and Anaxagoras.
- 11** How forceful are the *Republic's* arguments that each soul contains three parts?
- 12** Expound and assess one or more of Plato's arguments for the immortality of the soul.
- 13** Are the virtues really just one thing with many names?
- 14** In what sense, if any, are substances more real than items in the other categories?
- 15** Why did Aristotle posit exactly four causes?
- 16** εἰ γὰρ ἦν ὁ ὀφθαλμὸς ζῶον, ψυχὴ ἂν ἦν αὐτοῦ ἡ ὄψις.
For if the eye were an animal then sight would be its soul.
- ARISTOTLE *De anima* 412b18-19
- How well does this explain the relation between soul and body?
- 17** What, according to Aristotle, is the happiest life, and why?

18 Can we live without belief? Who had the best arguments in ancient debates on this question?

19 Which is the best ancient argument for fatalism? Which is the best ancient argument against? Which of these two arguments is better?

20 **Either** (a) Can an Epicurean mourn the death of a friend?

Or (b) Are the Stoics consistent when they "prefer" things that are not "good"?

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