

Midterm Exam

Summer II, Ancient Philosophy (56)

Friday July 9th

This exam will occupy the entire class, 90 minutes. Each question will be an essay question. There will be three questions of 20 minutes each, and a fourth question of 30 minutes.

The material from which these questions may draw includes everything you have learned so far in this course, whether from the readings, the classroom, or both. Accordingly, you should review the following 17 subjects:

1. The background of Archaic Greek philosophy in Archaic mythology and the basic developments of Archaic history
2. Presocratic philosophers and their main ideas and arguments:

Thales	Heraclitus
Anaximander	Parmenides
Anaximenes	Zeno
Xenophanes	Anaxagoras
Pythagoras	Democritus
3. The basic developments of Classical (fifth-century, Athenian) history and their importance to the Sophists, Sophocles, and Socrates
4. Sophists and their main ideas:

Protagoras	Antiphon
Gorgias	Critias
5. Sophocles' *Oedipus Tyrannus*
6. Socrates (in Plato's *Apology*)
7. Plato's *Symposium*
8. The main ideas of Plato's middle dialogues, and his own criticisms of them:

4 motives for the doctrine of Forms	The allegory of the Cave
The Meno Paradox	Critiques of the Forms
9. Plato's *Philebus*
10. Aristotle:

Genus and Species	Perception
Potentiality and Actuality	Passive and Active Mind
Matter and Form	God, the Unmoved Mover, or ...
4 Causes	Thought thinking Itself

11. The basic developments of Hellenistic history and thus the background of Hellenistic philosophy
12. Epicureanism
13. Stoicism
14. Skepticism
15. Socrates and Hellenism
16. Fate
17. Time

As mentioned last week, for this exam I will draw questions about the readings largely from the topics that have been posted daily on Blackboard; so it would be wise to use them as your guides to study.

While there will be no question devoted exclusively to material that was covered only in lecture, this material will surface as important components in some questions.

Bring a blue book and write legibly.