

2022

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

PHILOSOPHY

PAPER—PHI-205

WESTERN CLASSICS

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

Answer any four questions.

4×2

1. What is the opening scene of *Republic*?
2. Who is Polemarchus?
3. Who is Cephalus?
4. Who are Sophists?
5. Why is Thrasymachus annoyed with Socrates?
6. How does book I of *Republic* end?

(Turn Over)

Answer any *four* questions.

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7. Briefly describe Socrates engagement with Cephalus regarding justice.
8. Present the debate between Socrates and Polemarchus regarding the account of justice.
9. Examine the arguments presented by Socrates and Thrasymachus on the issue of justice.
10. How did the conviction of Socrates shape the philosophical views of Plato?
11. How did the social and political situation of Athens affect Plato's thoughts expressed in *Republic*?
12. Write a note on Plato's style of writing philosophy in the form of dialogue.

Answer any *two* questions.

2×8

13. What is 'Socratic way of doing philosophy'? Explain with examples from Plato's *Republic*.
14. Elucidate the central theme of *The Republic*.
15. According to Glaucon, what is the moral of the thought experiment 'the ring of Gyges'? Elucidate.
16. Critically explain the principle of Specialisation introduced by Plato in the *Republic*.