

Introduction to Philosophy

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Midterm Test

Answer two questions from each part. For each, explain the *meaning* of the quotation and *why it is significant*. Each question is worth five points.

Part A. On *Apology*

1. Chaerephon “asked whether there was anyone wiser than I. The Pythia replied that no one was wiser.”
2. “You are unbelievable, Meletus, even, as you seem to me, to yourself. This man seems to me, men of Athens, to be very hubristic and unrestrained ... He is like someone testing me with a riddle: ‘Will Socrates the ‘wise’ recognize that I am jesting and contradicting myself ...?’”
3. “And *I* suppose that until now no greater good has arisen for you in the city than my service to the god.”

Part B. On *Crito*

4. “But, daimonic Socrates, even now obey me and save yourself, since if you die, for me it is not just one calamity”
5. “Does a man who is exercising and practicing gymnastics pay mind to the praise and blame of every man, or of one only, who happens to be a doctor or trainer?”
6. “Since you were born and nurtured, and educated, too, could you say, first, that you are not ours, both our offspring and slave, you yourself as well as your forbears?”

Part C. On *Howard Roark and Peter Keating*

7. Roark is talking to the Dean:
“Yes, God damn it, the Parthenon!”
‘The ruler struck the glass over the picture.’
8. Keating is talking to Roark: “Howard, I’ve never said it before, but you see, I’d rather have your opinion on things than the Dean’s—I’d probably follow the Dean’s, but it’s just that yours means more to me myself, I don’t know why.”
9. In turning down the Manhattan Bank commission, Roark says, “That was the most selfish thing you’ve ever seen a man do.”

Part D. On Dominique Francon, Gail Wynand, and Ellsworth Toohey

10. “If I found a job, a project, an idea or person I wanted—I’d have to depend on the whole world. Everything has strings leading to everything else. We’re all tied together. We’re all in a net, the net is waiting, and we’re pushed into it by one single desire. You want a thing and it’s precious to you. Do you know who is standing ready to tear it out of your hands? You can’t know, it may be so involved and so far away, but someone is ready, and you’re afraid of them all. And you cringe and you crawl and you beg and you accept them—just so they’ll let you keep it. And look at whom you come to accept.”
11. “He hired a sensitive poet to cover baseball games. He hired an art expert to handle financial news. He got a socialist to defend factory owners and a conservative to champion labor. He forced an atheist to write on the glories of religion. ...”
12. “It stands to reason that where there’s sacrifice, there’s someone collecting sacrificial offerings. Where there’s service, there’s someone being served. The man who speaks to you of sacrifice, speaks of slaves and masters. And intends to be the master.”

Part E. On *Meditations*

13. “I would have to undertake, once and for all, to set aside all the opinions which I had previously accepted among my beliefs and start again from the beginning.”
14. “Everything which I have thus far accepted as entirely true and assured has been acquired from the senses or by means of the senses. But I have learned by experience that these senses sometimes mislead me ...”
15. “I will therefore suppose that, not a true God, who is very good and who is the supreme source of truth, but a certain evil spirit, not less clever and deceitful than powerful, has bent all his efforts to deceiving me.”

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