

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY**SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS 2002****CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION****SECOND ARTS****CC217 - Greek Philosophers**

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Time allowed: **three** hours

Answer any **three** questions

1. How did the Milesian philosophers explain the nature of the world?
2. Why did Heraclitus write in riddles?
3. What, if anything, is proved by Zeno's paradoxes?
4. How did Empedocles and Anaxagoras differ in their natural philosophy?
5. On what grounds did Leucippus and Democritus base their theory of atoms?
6. What methods did Socrates use to oppose the sophists?
7. What is Plato's Republic about?
8. How did Aristotle respond to Plato's theory of the good?
9. Describe and comment on Aristotle's doctrine of the mean.
10. What did Aristotle mean by 'weakness of will' (*acrasia*)?
11. What account does Aristotle give of friendship in the *Nicomachean Ethics*?
12. How did Aristotle characterize happiness?