

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

AUTUMN EXAMINATIONS 2002

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION

SECOND ARTS

CC217 - Greek Philosophers

EXAMINERS: Professor Gerard O'Daly

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Time allowed: **three** hours

Answer any **three** questions

1. What contribution did the Milesian philosophers make towards understanding the world?
2. What did Heraclitus mean by 'Logos'?
3. How did Zeno prove that the world was one? How convincing are his proofs?
4. Discuss Anaxagoras's explanation of the creation of the world.
5. What are the characteristics of Democritus's atomic theory of the universe?
6. Analyse the features of Socratic dialectic. Give examples from Plato's dialogues.
7. Describe and explain the simile of the Cave in Plato's Republic.
8. What are the features of moral virtue according to Aristotle's account?
9. How did Aristotle distinguish voluntary from involuntary actions? Why is the distinction important for his account of moral happiness?
10. What, according to Aristotle, is the difference between incontinence and temperance?
11. Why is friendship necessary for happiness according to Aristotle?
12. How, according to Aristotle, is happiness best fulfilled? Why does he take this view?