

National University of Ireland, Galway
Ollscoil na hEireann, Gaillimh

SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS 2003/4

PHILOSOPHY

SECOND ARTS EXAMINATION

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Time: Two hours

PI213 Ancient Philosophy

Answer two questions.

1. What is and what is not meant by "happiness" (eudaimonia) in Aristotle's "Nicomachean Ethics"? Discuss.
2. Write a critical essay on the notion of "virtue" and its place in ethical theory.
3. Discuss Aristotle's theory of friendship and its relevance for ethics/politics.
4. What is a political community and what is its purpose? Discuss on the basis of Aristotle's "Politics".
5. Write a critical essay on Aristotle's theory of slaves and women.
6. How good a case does Aristotle's theory of constitutions make for a typology of forms of state?
7. How do "troubles" arise in a state? Discuss Aristotle's answer.
8. What is the philosophical relevance of Aristotle's Rhetoric? Discuss.
9. Why should a philosopher such as Aristotle be concerned with a theory of tragedy? Discuss.