

National University of Ireland, Galway
Ollscoil na hEireann, Gaillimh

SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2004/5

PHILOSOPHY

FIRST ARTS EXAMINATION

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Time: 2 hours

PI107 Introduction to the History of Philosophy

Answer two questions.

1. Write a critical essay outlining Plato's theory of the soul and its importance for the foundation of his Ideal State.
2. Outline the main differences between Socrates and the Sophists in their views on virtue and knowledge.
3. Aristotle claims that, "happiness is an activity in accordance with virtue" (*Nichomachean Ethics*) Discuss this theory, outlining the difference between intellectual virtues and practical virtues.
4. Compare and contrast the epistemological approaches of Rationalism and Empiricism
5. According to J.S. Mill, Hume was the most profound of negation philosophers. Explain why Mill arrived at this conclusion by reference to either Hume's epistemology or his theory of the self.
6. Write a critical essay on Kant's analysis of moral principles.