

Ex/PHIL/UG/6.3.4/80/2019(OLD)

BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2019

(3rd Year, 6th Semester, Old Syllabus)

PHILOSOPHY

Plato : The Republic

Course : PHIL/UG/6.3.4

(Under syllabus 2012)

Time : Two hours

Full Marks : 30

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Answer any *two* questions. 10x2=20

1. Is the ideal city envisaged by Socrates really ideal? What are its features? Who is supposed to be in charge of this ideal city?
2. What do you think of Plato's scheme of education as presented in the *Republic*? How should the leaders be educated? How does justice benefit from education?
3. Explain Plato's conception of democracy. Explain his argument in Book VIII that democracy is inferior to what he calls "true aristocracy". Can this argument be defended? Give reasons in favour of your answer.

(Turn Over)

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4. Describe the disagreement between Socrates and Thrasymachus about what justice is.

Answer any *two* questions (each within 200 words) 5x2=10

5. What are the four virtues and their relation ?
6. How do we know the Forms, according to Plato ? 5
7. What is the role of censorship in the state ?
8. Briefly explain Plato's conception of social justice.

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