

Ex/PHIL/UG/6.3.4/80/2019

BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2019

(3rd Year, 6th Semester)

PHILOSOPHY

Plato : The Republic

Course : PHIL/UG/6.3.4

Time : Two hours

Full Marks : 30

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP - A

Answer any *two* questions.

1. Explain the view of Glaucon and Adeimantus on the function of the state. How does Thrasymachus' view differ from the former view? In this connection give a critical appraisal of the argument that Plato advances in support of the view that he endorses.
2. What does Socrates mean by 'democracy'? How does it differ from our modern understanding of the term?
3. Examine Plato's views on art. What is Plato's point of view about imitation?

(Turn Over)

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4. What is Plato's definition of knowledge? Are you satisfied with his distinction between knowledge and opinion? Why is having knowledge crucial to creating a just Republic?

GROUP - B

Answer any *two* questions (within 200 words)

5. One of the most radical features of the just city that Socrates sketches is the relationship between the sexes and the upbringing of children. What is Socrates' plan and what are his reasons for suggesting it?
6. What does Plato think about freedom for individuals?
7. What are the features of Plato's ideal society?
8. What do you think of Socrates' educational goal as presented in the Republic? Discuss briefly.