

Ex/Phil/UG/6.3.4/80/2018

**BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2018**

**(3rd Year, 6th Semester)**

**PHILOSOPHY**

**(Optional - I)**

**[Plato : The Republic]**

Full Marks : 30

Time : Two Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

Answer any *two* questions from the following : 10×2=20

1. Critically examine Plato's views on justice and social classes. Do you regard his views as autocratic ? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Why does Plato go to such lengths to prove that there are three distinct parts of the human soul ? Explain, after Plato, why these aspects are to be regarded as distinct and independent from one another.
3. What is Plato's view on art ? How does it differ from the modern theories of art ?
4. On what grounds does Plato refute the conventional views on justice ?

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Answer any *two* questions. (within 200 words) 5×2=10

5. Do you agree with the view that poetry appeal to the emotions, not to the reasons ? Discuss after the *Republic*.
6. Examine Plato's views on democracy.
7. On what grounds does Plato hold that the philosopher-king is the best possible ruler ? Is Plato's analysis valid ? Justify your answer.
8. What is the Platonic concept of form or idea ?

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