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PHI1001 History of Philosophy:
Ancient and Medieval

Wed 31 Jan 2007

18.00 – 20.00

Answer one question from each section.
Use a different script for each section.

Section A History of Ancient Philosophy

1. Were the Presocratics scientists, philosophers, or both? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Discuss Plato's theory of Forms.
3. How does Aristotle deal with the problem of change?
4. Compare and contrast the views of the Epicureans and the Stoics.

Section B Medieval Philosophy

5. The theory of illumination is fundamentally a statement in completely general terms of what Augustine considers to be the ultimate ground of the possibility of rational knowledge, i.e. God's intimate presence to the human mind. Elaborate.
6. "Scholasticism began when the expository and dialectical methods handed down in the monastic and cathedral schools came to be applied to theological data; when Rhetoric and Logic came to be viewed, not only as ends in themselves, but as effective instruments for expounding, investigating, and coordinating the truths of Faith." Explain.
7. Discuss the contribution of Thomas Aquinas to medieval thought.