

Phi 260: History of Philosophy I
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Mid-Term Exam 2
Study Guide and Sample Questions

- (1) Compare and contrast Aristotle's account of substance in the *Categories*, on the one hand, with his account of substance in the *Physics* and the *Metaphysics*.
- (2) Compare and contrast Aristotle's account of form (*eidos, morphē*) in the matter-form compound with Plato's account of the Forms (*eidea, pl. of eidos*).
- (3) What is the ontological status of universals for Aristotle? How do we come to know (or conceive of) universals?
- (4) What is the soul? What, in particular, characterizes the human soul? How does this compare with Plato's account?
- (5) Compare and contrast Aristotle's account of *akrasia* with that found in Plato (both in the *Protagoras* and the *Republic*).
- (6) What, according to Aristotle, leads to human *eudaimonia*? What is his "function argument" and how does this relate to his argumentative strategy in the *Nicomachean Ethics*? How do the claims Aristotle makes about human nature and happiness in Books I-IX compare with the claims he makes in Book X? How do you think human beings can find *eudaimonia*?