

Phi 260: History of Philosophy I
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Mid-Term Exam 1
Study Guide and Sample Questions

- (1) What is the doctrine of the unity of the virtues and how does Plato argue for this?
- (2) How does Plato argue for the immortality of the soul in the *Phaedo*? Are these arguments persuasive? (Consider, for example, the counter-arguments of Simmias and Cebes.)
- (3) What is love? Does Diotima/Socrates/Plato provide a convincing account? Do any of the other figures in the *Symposium*?
- (4) What are the Forms? What role do they play in Plato's metaphysics and epistemology? What problems are there with this view?
- (5) Describe Plato's ideal state. Would you want to live there? Why or why not?
- (6) Has Plato, by Book IX of the *Republic*, given an answer to the question "Why be moral?" that would satisfy Thrasymachus? Does his answer satisfy you?