

Final Exam Study Guide

PHIL301

Spring, 2014

The exam is Friday, May 2, 8am, in our usual room (KINA312).

The final exam will comprise two parts: a section on term identification and an essay. The terms that you will be responsible for defining or explaining are listed below. You will have some choice, in this section, answering some number of questions from some greater number.

The essay will be an essay on the rationality of ancient Greek thought. It will ask you to characterize Greek rationality, from memory, by reference to thought from each of four periods:

- the pre-philosophical
- the pre-Socratic
- Socrates and Plato
- and Aristotle.

I will expect a clear *thesis* statement summarizing your view of the rationality of ancient Greek thought as revealed in these four periods. You may use a single 3x5 note-card for notes in the essay portion of the exam. (Please refrain from copying your essay onto the note-card.)

Please bring PAPER TO WRITE ON (or a Bluebook).

Our primary terms and concepts:

These, you should be able to define, illustrate, explain thoroughly, etc. You will have to display knowledge of these items in your answers to the essay questions. (The list may include some overlapping terms, ideas.)

- Chaos, Cosmos
- *Logos*
- Anthropomorphism
- Supernaturalism
- Rationalism
- Logic
- Arbitrariness
- Arche
- Phusis
- Naturalism
- Material Monism
- *Ex Nihilo* becoming (“emergence”)
- *reductio ad absurdum*
- elenchus
- *eidos*
- Socrates: divine v. human wisdom
- Thrasymachus’ definition of justice
- The kallipolis
- Plato’s definition of justice
- Plato’s theory of forms
- Idealism
- Nominalism
- “said of” and “said in”
- Universals, particulars
- Essence, accident
- Substance
- Simple v. compound change
- Substantial v. accidental change
- Matter and Form
- The four causes
- Luck and Chance

We will devote time on Thursday, April 24, to review for the exam.