

**INTERCULTURAL STUDIES 203
FINAL EXAM**

PART ONE: ANSWER ONE QUESTION ONLY (50%)

1. *“Justice admittedly means that a man should possess and concern himself with what properly belongs to him”.*

(The Republic , p.29)

- a. Discuss the above quotation within its own context and explain how this concept equally applies to the State. (30%).
- b. Compare how an Athenian in the *Melian Dialogue* would have reacted to the above statement. (10%)
- c. Imagine how one of the following would comment on the above quotation: **Socrates** OR **Aeneas** (Choose one). Justify. (5 %).
- d. Comment with your own personal viewpoint on the above quotation. (5%)

OR

② *“Symbolic Caves”*

- a. Both **Plato** and **Aristotle** use the symbolism of the cave to elaborate their philosophies and views of the World, Society and Man. Explain in details these two caves and their significance in the unfolding of the two philosophers' beliefs. (40%).
- b. Virgil also includes a “Cave Scene” in his *Aeneid*. Describe its significance and impact on the heroes of the epic. (5%).
- c. Personally, if you were to imagine a cave to describe IS 203 course, how would you conceive of it (5%). (Be creative)

PART TWO: ANSWER ONE QUESTION ONLY (50%)

3. "My Duty forces me to"

a. Select **THREE** characters from **THREE** different IS 203 texts and state how **EACH** of them would complete the above sentence. Your answers should reflect the views of Duty as understood and promoted by his or her/Culture and as supported by examples from the respective texts. (45%)

b. Which of the above views would you willingly adopt today? Justify. If none, discuss why and suggest an alternative from Modern times. (5%)

OR

④ "Death is of No concern to Us."

I.S. 203 has introduced you to many cultures through different texts and heroes, each defining its own view of Death and Afterlife and how it can be reached.

a. Select at least **THREE** texts and analyze the various views of Death presented through the story or philosophy. (45%)

b. State which of the above views appeals to you the most. If none discuss what alternative do you suggest. (5%)

BONUS QUESTION (to be added to Final Grade)

You have been part of an IS 203 Group that did research and presentations in class. State:

- To which group you belonged and name at least 2 of your group mates.
- Mention the Presentations your group prepared.
- Specify your individual participation in these presentations.

Notes:

- Answer Two questions only. One from each page.
- Do not duplicate your answers. **DO NOT USE THE SAME TEXTS IN BOTH PARTS.**
- This Exam Tests Your Comprehension And Understanding Abilities, Not your memory in summarizing stories. Please address the issues requested and give as many textual examples as you can.
- Good Luck!☺

*Gilgamesh
Egypt
Sumer*