

Philosophy 349: Quiz One
Due: March 27, 2008 in class

Part One

Explain what you believe to be the significant differences between the Sophists and Socrates (and successors, Plato and Aristotle). In your answer, analyze the strengths and weaknesses of both sides and give your opinion of whether one side has convincingly won this debate.

Part Two

Theories of "natural law" are a continuing theme within Greek and Roman jurisprudence. Explain the natural law theories of Plato, Aristotle and Cicero. Include in your analysis, differences as well as similarities - strengths as well as weaknesses. This question requires reference to the text for definitions of natural law as well as to our class discussions.

Part Three

Professor Kelly describes Cicero's theories about law as being separate from law as practiced within Rome. In order to be effective, does law need to have a theoretical foundation? Could law exist without a philosophical component? In answering this question, you may wish to consider your research in the previous two sections of this quiz.

Part Four

Which philosopher considered in class do you believe is most persuasive in his theories? Explain the reasons for your decision. You may also answer in the negative, with a detailed explanation for your response.

Guidelines

- Fully explain your answers
- **Reference the text**
- Feel free to use any outside resource, including those listed on the course Web site.
- Be clear in your writing. Try to write your essay as if it will be read by a non-specialist who is not familiar with the course material.
- Be prepared to write one or more drafts before submitting the paper.
- Feel free to ask any questions or bring in a draft for review.
- Please retain a copy of your answers.
- Emails will not be accepted.
- Answers must be typed. Check your printer "ribbon" or cartridge before printing.
- Use a stapler

Quiz Evaluation and Recommendations:

40% Use of Course Material	——	Remember to refer to readings & notes
40% Comprehensiveness & Clarity	——	Cover the entire topic which the question <u>reasonably</u> suggests, including strengths and weaknesses, criticisms, examples, hypotheticals and exceptions.
20% Creativity & Originality	——	Give your opinion and reflections on the issues (after fulfilling the above-listed requirements). Suggest possible additional perspectives, based on your own experiences or readings.