

CLAS/RELS/PHIL 2361

Paper 3 (50%)

November 19th

DUE: December 3rd

Choose one of the following topics.

1. "I am afraid that other people do not realize that the one aim of those who practice philosophy in the proper manner is to practice for dying and death" (*Phaedo* 64a). Discuss.
2. Outline the various proofs for the immortality of the soul in the *Phaedo*. Why is there more than one proof? How does the final proof differ from its predecessors?
3. Outline the account of recollection found in the *Phaedo* and compare it to the account found in the *Meno*.
4. Outline Socrates' 'second best' method (*Phaedo* 99d). What necessitated this new method? What is the 'best' method, and why does Socrates not follow it?
5. Using the *Phaedo*, outline the conflict between Apollodorus and his friends at the beginning of the *Symposium*. How, in the *Symposium*, does Plato resolve this conflict?

Papers must provide an answer to this question and must contain careful references to the text (i.e. quotations). This is NOT a research paper and should NOT involve citation of secondary literature. There are no minima or maxima for word count, but **papers should demonstrate careful reading, attention to the question, logical organization, and evidence of diligent editing.**

A hard copy of the paper must be submitted on the due date. Extensions will not be granted and **late papers will not be accepted**. However, students may submit unfinished work on the due date for partial credit.