

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION IN CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHY

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Soul

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Primary Sources

Presocratics

Homer, *Odyssey* 11 (**UM**). Fragments, testimony, and commentary for Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Empedocles, and Democritus. Recommended Text: *Philosophy Before Socrates*, by Richard D. McKirahan).

Plato

Discussions bearing on the topic are widely scattered throughout Plato’s dialogues. It would be useful to consult the index entry for “soul(s)” in the recommended text (p. 1800). It is clear, however, that any adequate preparation for the examination requires at least the study of the following texts: *Apology* (esp. 28b-42a), *Crito*, *Gorgias* 522e-527e, *Meno* (esp. 80d-86c), *Phaedo*, *Republic*, books 4 and 10 (esp. 435a-445e, 608d-621c), *Phaedrus* (esp. 245c-257c), *Timaeus* (esp. 34a-45b, 48e-55c, 57d-58c, 69a-73a, 76e-77c, 86b-92d), and *Laws*, book 10. Recommended Text: *Plato, Complete Works*, by John Cooper.

Aristotle

As with Plato, discussions bearing on the topic can be found throughout Aristotle’s works. But again, any adequate preparation for discussing Aristotle on the soul would require the study of particular texts. They include the following: *Physics* 2. 7-9, 3. 1-2, 7. 1-2, and 8 (esp. 1-5); *Metaphysics* 7 (esp. chs. 8-9, 11, 13, 15, 17), 8. 1-4, 9.3, 6-8, and 12. 6-10; *De Anima*, *Nicomachean Ethics* 1, 6, and 10. 6-8. Recommended Text: *The Complete Works of Aristotle, Volumes I-II*, by Jonathan Barnes.

Recommended but not listed as essential: *Nicomachean Ethics* 3; *De Motu Animalium*, *Parva Naturalia* (esp. *On Memory*, *On Sleep*, *On Dreams*, *Sense and Sensibilia*, and *On Divination in Sleep*).

Hellenistic Philosophers

Recommended Text: *The Hellenistic Philosophers, Volume I (and volume 2 if you wish to consult the notes and the Greek text)*, by A.A. Long and D. Sedley. For the Epicureans, the sections on Physics and Ethics (esp. 14-15); for the Stoics, the sections on Epistemology, Physics, and Ethics (esp. 53, 54, 57, 59, 65).

Secondary Sources

I recommend consulting the documents uploaded to my UMdrive folder or discussing sources with the chair or members of the Classical Comp Committee in person.