Three Questions: The *Euthydemus* Dialogue

In order to answer the following three questions, read pages 3–17 of "Socrates (Part 3)", which can be found in Archie's resources.

1. On two occasions, Cleinias was asked about who the learner is, and he gave a different answer each time.

    (i) When Cleinias claimed that the learner is wise (rather than ignorant), why did Euthydemus disagree?

    (ii) When Cleinias claimed that the learner is ignorant (rather than wise), why did Dionysodorus disagree?

2. According to Dionysodorus, why is contradiction impossible?.

    (i) According to Dionysodorus and others (such as the followers of Protagoras), why is contradiction impossible?

    (ii) According to Socrates, if contradiction is impossible, then why do Dionysodorus and Euthydemus have a problem? (Note: Socrates uses a rhetorical question to make this point, but do not answer this question with a rhetorical question.)

3. According to Dionysodorus, why is Ctesippus the son of a dog?