

Chapter 13 - Assignment 5: The *Republic* (Book III) – [2]

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In order to answer the following questions, read Book 3 of Plato's *Republic* (Πολιτεία) on pages 16–23 in Chapter 13.

1. According to Socrates, childhood education includes two main things: music lessons and physical education.

(i) According to Socrates, what does *athletics* nurture? :
– the soul or the body?

(ii) According to Socrates, what does music nurture? :
– the soul or the body?

(iii) According to him, which should be learned *first*: music or athletics?

(iv) According to Socrates, which should be learned *second*: music or athletics?

(v) According to Socrates, which should be nurtured first:
a child's soul or a child's body?

2. Socrates considered the difference between a good athlete and a good political guardian. According to Socrates, which type of person is more likely to get sick: a good athlete or a good political guardian? Explain your answer.

3. According to Socrates, it is like a crime for anyone to let themselves become unhealthy.

(i) According to Socrates, why is it bad for a poor carpenter to become unhealthy?

(ii) According to Socrates, why is it bad for a very rich person to become unhealthy?

(iii) According to Socrates, if a *temperate* person exercises for the sake of bodybuilding, would they do so to build *strength* or to build *muscle*?

(iv) According to him, if an *intemperate* person exercises for the sake of bodybuilding, would they do so to build *strength* or to build *muscle*?

5. According to Socrates, the ideal city's citizens are divided into three distinct social classes.

(i) According to Socrates, what are those three classes?

(a)

(b)

(c)

(ii) According to Socrates, which class is the *only* class of people who may own private property and become personally wealthy?

(iii) According to Socrates, which two classes live in a kind of communism, in which all of their property is common property?