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Study Guide – The Origin of The Problem of Universals; Platonic Forms

Instructions: Use your class notes to answer all the questions below. Please explain each answer in complete sentences. If you complete this assignment and if every answer is correct, you will receive extra credit on your upcoming test.

1. What are the Forms? Are the Forms physical or non-physical? What does it mean to say that physical objects are instantiations of a Form? Explain.

1. Why does Plato believe that real knowledge can't be physical? What does it have to do with metaphysical change—see *Plato's Motivations* notes, motivation 1 & 2?

2. How does Meno's Paradox support Plato's Theory of Recollection and his belief in the existence of the Forms—see *Plato's Motivations* notes, motivation 3?

3. How is the Allegory of the Cave a metaphor for how we remember the Forms?

4. What is the Problem of Universals, and what are the two main ways philosophers think about it?

5. Why is Plato a Realist? How does his brand or type of realism make him a Dualist?