

**Chapter 19 - Assignment 7: Plato's *Meno* Dialogue – [2]**

In order to answer the following questions, read pages 13–17 in Chapter 19.

1. When asked to say what virtue is, Meno's very *first* answer failed to convince Socrates. (Pages 13–14)

(i) On what virtue is, what was Meno's *first* answer?

(ii) According to Meno, *how* are manly virtue and womanly virtue *different*?

(iii) According to Socrates (and Meno), how are manly virtue and womanly virtue the *same*?

(iv) According to Socrates (and Meno), *which* virtues are virtues for *both* men *and* women *alike*?

2. When asked to say what virtue is, Meno's *second* answer also failed to convince Socrates. (See page 14.)

(i) On what virtue is, what was Meno's *second* answer?

(ii) According to Socrates, what's wrong with Meno's second answer?

(iii) How did Socrates try to improve Meno's second answer?

(iv) According to Socrates, justice is not virtue. What did he mean by that?

(v) Since justice is a virtue, if virtue is to do something *justly*, then virtue is what? (Note: You will have to connect the dots.)

3. When asked to say what virtue is, Meno's *third* answer once again failed to convince Socrates. (See page 15.)

(i) On what virtue is, what was Meno's *third* answer? (State both parts of his third answer.)

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(ii) According to Socrates, nobody desires bad things. Yet, how did he explain why people *seem* to desire bad things?



5. The fifth time that Socrates asked Meno to say what virtue is, why did Meno liken Socrates to a flat torpedo sea-fish?  
(See page 17.)