

**Chapter 32 - Assignment 8: Aristotle's *Eudemian Ethics*, Book 2, Chapter 1**

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To answer the following questions, read pages 7—8 in Chapter 32.

1. Aristotle ranked certain goods.
  - (i) Between an *instrumental* good and a *final* good, which did Aristotle think is the *better* good?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - (ii) Between an *unused* instrumental good and an instrumental good that is *in use*, which did Aristotle think is the better instrumental good?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. After ranking instrumental and final goods, Aristotle made a distinction between external goods and internal goods. According to Aristotle, what kinds of goods are prudence, virtue, and pleasure?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. According to Aristotle, life and good life are not caused by the same thing.
  - (i) According to Aristotle, what causes *life*?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - (ii) According to Aristotle, what causes *good* life?

4. Consider what Aristotle had to say about happiness, the good life, and the greatest good.

(i) According to Aristotle, is the *good* life a *final* good? Why or why not? Explain.

(ii) According to Aristotle, is the *happiness* a *final* good? Why or why not? Explain.

(iii) According to Aristotle, is happiness the same as the good life? Why or why not? Explain.

(iv) According to Aristotle, what is the greatest good?

5. On the categories of being in the soul, Aristotle made certain categorical rankings.

(i) According to Aristotle, the soul involves which two categories of being?

(ii) According to Aristotle, why is the best action better than the best condition?

(iii) According to Aristotle, what is the best action?

(iv) According to Aristotle, what is the best condition?

(v) According to Aristotle, why doing good better than being good?

6. According to Aristotle, happiness is an activity of a good soul, which is a soul that is well and does well. Yet as for what happiness actually is, Aristotle also stated what kind of activity he thought it was. According to him, what kind of activity is happiness?

7. According to Aristotle, how did Solon explain why no youth is ever happy?

8. According to Aristotle, are upstanding people ever the same as base or vile people? Why or why not? Explain.

9. By logical division [*diairesis* (διαίρεσις)], Aristotle divided the soul into two main parts.

(i) According to Aristotle, what are the two *main* parts of the soul?

(ii) According to Aristotle, what is the difference between the soul's two *main* parts?

10. Consider how Aristotle discussed two different species of virtue.

(i) According to Aristotle, what are the two species of virtue?

(ii) According to Aristotle, how are the two species of virtue different from each other?

(iii) According to Aristotle, what kind of virtue is *wisdom*?

(iv) According to Aristotle, what kind of virtue is *justice*?

(v) According to Aristotle, what *is* virtue?