PAPER TOPICS
(second paper)

Write an essay in answer to one of the following questions:

1. Zeno gives apparently strong arguments for apparently false conclusions. Explain and critique two or three of his arguments. Give reasons for your critique.
   
   (Quote an argument. Explain what you think the argument is. Then discuss where you think the argument goes wrong. You may want to consider more than one possible way of critiquing an argument. You may also want to consider more than one way of explaining an argument. Do you have any general criticisms that apply to all of the arguments? Or is each problematic in its own way?)

2. Is the point of Parmenides’ poem that being is one and immobile; or is Parmenides arguing for some other philosophical position?

   (Be sure to explain main points and main passages in your answer. Central to your essay would be discussion of the relation between the way of truth and the way of mortals.)

3. How are Socrates’ views as expressed in his discussion of the divided line in the Republic similar to and different from the views of his predecessors?

   (Be sure to discuss both his views on being and his views on knowing.)

4. How are Aristotle’s four causes similar to and different from the views of his predecessors?

   (Be sure to explain the four causes in your answer.)

5. If, according to Aristotle, a human being is composed of earth, air, fire and water, and each of these has its own principle of movement, why does a human being hold together rather than falling apart?

   (Refer to at least two works of Aristotle in your answer.)

Be sure your essay has a thesis! Be sure your essay is organized around supporting the thesis! Quote the text! Explain what you quote! Be concrete!

LENGTH: five or six pages

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