

**PHI 171 – PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY – FALL 2017 – ASGN. #2 – DUE OCT 2**

*Your assignment should be written clearly, concisely and precisely.*

*Hand in a paper copy in class and submit an electronic copy on the course website.*

**IS JUSTICE WHAT BENEFITS THE STRONGEST? (REPUBLIC, BOOK I)**

- (a) What is Thrasymachus' definition of justice?
- (b) What is Socrates' first objection to this definition?
- (c) How does Thrasymachus respond?
- (d) What is Socrates' second objection?
- (e) How does Thrasymachus respond?

**IS JUSTICE BETTER THAN INJUSTICE? (REPUBLIC, BOOK II)**

- (f) What is Glaucon's theory of justice?
- (g) What does the story of Gige's ring show?
- (h) What does Adimantus say about justice?
- (i) How does Socrate propose that we address the question of justice?

**THINK FOR YOURSELF**

- (l) Does Book II solve the question whether justice is better than injustice? Explain.
- (m) Do you agree with Thrasymachus, Glaucon, Adimatus, Socrates, or no one? Explain.
- (n) Do you have your own definition of justice? What is it? Motivate your answer.

*Please itemize your answers. No essay format.*