

NM filosofi for vgs 2019/20: 2. runde 05.05.2020

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1. "It will be necessary to...awaken the experience of the world such as it appears to us insofar as we are in the world through our bodies, and insofar as we perceive the world with our bodies. But by re-establishing contact with the body and with the world in this way, we will also rediscover ourselves..."

Maurice Merleau-Ponty: *Phenomenology of Perception*, trans Donald A. Landes, Routledge 2014: 213 (First published in French, 1945.)

2. «I have argued that philosophy doesn't begin in wonder or in the fact that things are, it begins in a realization that things are not what they might be. It begins with a sense of a lack, of something missing, and that provokes a series of questions.»

Simon Critchley, "Demand Everything!". Interview with Anders Gullestad, www.truth-out.org. May 15, 2010.

(<https://truthout.org/articles/demand-everything-an-interview-with-philosopher-simon-critchley/>)

3. For man, when perfected, is the best of animals; but, when separated from law and justice, he is the worst of all."
Aristotle: *Politics I* : 1253a31

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The student is not expected to know the philosophical works of the author on whose citation s/he is writing. Neither is s/he assumed to know the larger context of the citation.

All that is expected of the student, as far as the citation is concerned, is that s/he can provide a coherent and philosophically meaningful interpretation of the citation.

That is;

(a) to identify a philosophically meaningful question that is in accordance with the whole citation, and

(b) to identify and discuss an associated claim (or an idea) that is being presented.

The student is also expected to present her/his own philosophical viewpoint on the matter, hopefully backed by strong, coherent arguments along the way.

The papers should be written in English. Students can use dictionaries, but not philosophical encyclopedias, nor internet or any other source of information.

Maximum time: 4 hours

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