**BOOK II**

1. **What is the origin of the state, according to Socrates?**
2. **What is the reasoning behind the division of labor Socrates proposes?**
3. **Explain how a "guardian" class emerges in a state.**
4. **Socrates seems to think that the character of a dog is somehow related to the ideal Guardian's character. Explain.**
5. **What is the difference between a "true" falsehood, and a falsehood in words? Which is worse, according to Socrates? Why? (Handout.)**

**BOOK III**

1. **What qualities must the rulers have and why? Which quality seems to be the most important?**
2. **Socrates claims that "one loves something when one believes that what is good for it is good for oneself". Is this true? What role does it play in Socrates' discussion?**
3. **What role does the "myth of the metals" play in Socrates' ideal state? Explain why this is what Socrates calls a falsehood in word only (as opposed to a "true" falsehood). Think of some contemporary analogues of this myth, and discuss some of the concerns one might have about a government deploying such a device.**
4. **Summarize the nature of the guardians' lives. Why can't the guardians have private property or touch gold and silver?**