Confucius

Q1Based on our reading, which saying can summarize the philosophy of Confucius the best? Put down the number of the saying and explain your reason in 2 to 3 sentences.

Answer:

12.1

The core of Confucius’s philosophy was moral practice centered on the virtue of ren,or”humanity.

And in the saying 12.1tells us what is the method of humanity and its appearance.

Q2:What does Confucius mean by "integrity"? Try to define it based on the sayings that mention "integrity."

Answer:

“The way of the Master is nothing other than integrity and reciprocity.

“Make integrity and trustworthiness your chief.do not have friends who are unequal to yourself.If you have faults,do not shirk from correcting them.”

To sum up,integrity has tight connection with trustworthiness and reciprocity.And it is a important element that humanity should includes.And it means that be brave to admit and correct your faults,be ready to make nice friends and help ,trust and repay them for their help.

Q3:What are the social relations mentioned in the reading? Highlight three sayings that give us the most information about social relations and explain your choice in 2 to 3 sentences.

Answer:

1: The government should not use the punishments and the legislation to rule the people.Instead,only through the virtue can unify them with ritual and help them have conscience. What’s more,people in the society should shoulder their required responsibilities,like lords,minister,father and the son,each of them have the required responsibilities that they should follow.

Q4:What is the difference between sagehood and humanity? Put down the number of the saying that could best explain the difference, and explain the difference in your own words with 2 to 3 sentences.

Answer:

6.28

Humanity(ren) is the fundamental perspective of the harmonious society,and it contains many good characteristics that human has,like integrity,trustworthiness,reciprocity.However,the sagehood is the extension of the humanity ,which means he always think for the sake of other ,even the price is his sacrifice.sagehood means put others profits important than his.

Q5: One of the sayings from the Analects mentions that Confucius rarely talked about humanity. Based on the reading we have, do you think that is the case? Explain in 2 to 3 sentences why you think that is or not the case

Answer:

I don’t think it is the case.Actually,the core inspirit of the Confucius is “ren”,which can also refer to humanity.So many sayings will center the humanity,like the society should follow the ritual,and people should take outhers sake in account,etc. These examples fully show the humanity. And the saying like”The ability to take what is near as an analogy can be called the method of humanity”even show how can be humanity.And the saying 12.1 tell more specific information about how to be humanity.

Plato

Q1:Highlight the sections in the text in which Socrates describes his attitude to death. Use 1 or 2 sentences to express this in your own words.

Answer: Socrates

"Fertile Phthia" is a reference to the afterlife or a realm where the soul goes after death(this information I get from ChatGPT).

So , in my opinion,Socrates mentions this shows that he is not afraid of death and he think deathis a nice journey that the soul can enjoy.

Q2: Crito gives a number of reasons that Socrates should escape from prison. Highlight the one you find most convincing. In 2 or 3 sentences explain why you think this is a good argument.

Reason:1 bad reputation: Some people will think Crito pay more importance to money than friends.2:He has son who need to upbring and educate.3:people would think Socrates and his friends ahave cowardice and unmanliness 4:his presence in prison indicates that the one who is slandered can inflict not the least but pretty well the greatest evils.

Explain:By using family for argument,I think two most important things that people should take in consideration is that fame and family. family means a lot to us,and if Socrate dies his son would without father to attend.

Q4:4) At the end of the dialogue Socrates speaks on behalf of the laws. Use 3-4 sentences to summarize what you see as the best argument he makes on why he must accept his death sentence.

Answer:Given that he has been a civil in Athens for a long time,if he get out of the jail and betray the law,he will do damage to the city’s legal systems and disorder the city.What’s more, other citizens will regard the betrayer of the law as a laughingstock and look down upon him.