Aristotle’s Doctrine of the Syllogism

A Doctrine of Logic

A syllogism is an argument consisting of three parts: a major premise, a minor premise, and a conclusion. Syllogisms are of a number of different kinds, each of which has a name given by the Scholastics. The most familiar is the kind called Barbara. All men are mortal, major premise. Socrates is a man, minor premise. Socrates is mortal, conclusion.

Aristotle’s 10 Categories. Qualities are expressions which are in no way composite but that signify. This means that they are one thing. This seems to mean that every word of which the meaning is not compounded of the meanings of other words signifies a substance or a quantity or a etc. There is no suggestion of any principle of which the list of 10 Categories has been compiled. Substance is primarily what is not predicable of a subject not present in a subject. A thing is said to be present in a subject, when, though not a part of a subject, it cannot exist without the subject. Is the term Category useful in philosophy represent our clear and distinct ideas?

Substance

Quantity

Quality

Relation

Place

Time

Position

State

Action

Affection