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Knowledge, Mind and Existence:
Introductory Topics in Philosophical Problems

Test #1
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Instructions: Place your name and student number on your exam booklet. Answer 3 out of the following 4 questions. Provide as complete an answer as possible. No aids (books or notes) permitted. The exam is approximately 50 minutes.

1. With reference to the divided line, explain how Plato distinguishes knowledge from opinion? Even if you have right opinions, why does Plato believe it is better to have knowledge? Do you agree with Plato? Provide reasons of your own in support of your answer.
2. In the Apology, Socrates argues that he has a duty to philosophize. Explain the nature of this duty (or duties). Do you think that you have a duty to philosophize? Provide reasons of your own in support of your answer.
3. According to Diotima, what is the proper approach to love? Do you agree with her account (i.e. is there anything you do not agree with)? Provide reasons of your own in support of your answer.
4. Explain the main features of Alcibiades' words at the end of the Symposium. What does Plato think is philosophical significance of these words (i.e. is there any right opinions expressed in it)? Justify your interpretation of Plato with references to the text and to main themes in the Symposium.