

Ancient Chinese Law and Philosophy – 15 December 2022

- The duration of the examination is 75 minutes (14:00-15:15).
- You may freely consult any materials in your possession (including dictionaries and online resources) during the examination.
- On each Answer sheet, you must write your **student number only**. Please do **not** write your name, your major subject or any other information which may identify you.
- You must attempt all of the following two (2) Questions. They have an equal weight in assessment.
- There is no length restriction or requirement for your answer.

[1] Question 1 (50 points)

Compare the following two passages and explain the Confucian concept of learning (學 xue):

- The Master taught us on the following four: civilisation, conduct, loyalty and trustworthiness. 子以四教：文，行，忠，信。(Analects 論語 7.25)
- Confucius taught using poetry, ancient documents, rites and music. 孔子以詩書禮樂教 (Sima Qian 司馬遷, Records of History 史記, Biography of Confucius 孔子世家 62)

[2] Question 2 (50 points)

Explain ethical integrity (仁 ren) with the following passages in mind:

- Fan Chi (樊遲) ... asked about ethical integrity. The Master said, “Ethical integrity means you tackle difficult things first and leave the rewards to be considered later. That can be called ethical integrity.” 樊遲 … 問仁。曰：「仁者先難而後獲，可謂仁矣。」 (Analects, 6.22)
- The Master said, “A person with ethical integrity is bound to have courage. A courageous person does not necessarily have ethical integrity.” 仁者，必有勇。勇者，不必有仁。(Analects, 14.4)
- Firm, decisive, undecorated and terse. These are closer to ethical integrity. 剛毅木訥，近仁 (Analects, 13.27)
- Zi You (子游) said, “If you serve the ruler with calculation in mind, that would be humiliating. If you deal with friends with calculation in mind, that would make you lonely.” 事君數，斯辱矣，朋友數，斯疏矣。(Analects, 4.26)
- The Master said, “A noble person knows very well what is right, the petty and the lowly know very well what is beneficial.” 君子喻於義，小人喻於利。(Analects, 4. 16)

[End of questions] You must answer both questions.