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Q4(b)

Critically examine Plato's theory of Forms.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · PSIR GS 1 · 15 marks · Political Theory

Political Theory: meaning and approaches.

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Allegory of the cave

Prisoners take shadows for reality; the philosopher sees the sun-like Good and is obliged to return, which is **Plato's** picture of political education.

Thrasymachus

The claim that justice is the advantage of the stronger is what the theory of Forms is meant to defeat.

Popper

The Open Society and Its Enemies treats **Plato** as a type of the closed society that holistic political knowledge would create.

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