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الرقم:مسابقة في: الفلسفة والحضارات
المدة : ساعتان**Choose one of the following :****I- “Souvenirs cannot result from a cerebral state ... pure souvenirs are spiritual manifestations”**

1. Explain the meaning of Bergson’s citation and state the problem. (9 pts)
2. Discuss this idea in light of theories that you know. (7 pts)
3. In your opinion, is forgetting an enemy of memory ? Justify. (4 pts)

II- “The experimental initiative lies in the idea (hypothesis)”.

1. Explain Claude Bernard’s idea and state the problem. (9 pts)
2. Discuss this idea determining the role and value of other steps in the experimental method. (7 pts)
3. Do you think that the hypothesis plays the same role in mathematics as in natural sciences ? Justify. (4 pts)

III- Text.

“When we say that pleasure is our ultimate aim, we do not mean by that the debauched nor those who are attached to material joys, as they say who are ignorant of our doctrine, or those who disagree with it, or those who interpret it in a bad sense. The pleasure that we see is characterized by the absence of corporeal sufferings and troubles of the spirit.

It is not the drinking and the continual orgies, the joys of young men and women, fish and other meals offered on a luxurious table, which generate a happy life ; but the vigilant reason which minutely searches the motives behind what should be chosen and what should be avoided, and which rejects vain opinions that cause the greatest troubles in the spirits.

In all this, wisdom is the principle and the greatest good. This is why it is more precious than philosophy, hence, it is the source of all other virtues, because it teaches us that we cannot be happy without being wise, and we cannot be honest and just without being happy. In fact, virtues and a happy life are one, and inseparable”.

Epicure, Lettre à Ménécée

1. Explain the main ideas of the text and state the problem. (9 pts)
2. Discuss these ideas in light of theories you know. (7 pts)
3. In your opinion, should man condemn all kinds of pleasure? Justify. (4 pts)