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Q How does plato's system of education promote justice in his ideal state?

Introduction:

In plato's philosophy the concept of justice and education hold a significant place. He considered justice as an important virtue for both individual and society. He argue that justice prevail in society when each part perform their role efficiently. To ensure that the capable, wisest, and virtuous people become philosophers, plato designed a comprehensive system of education. That cultivates wisdom, test abilities, and gradually differentiates citizens into their natural instincts. Furthermore, he developed such sort of education system that implement justice in society. plato's scheme of education is regarded as a spiritual remedy. In this way society will be able to differentiate and train the ruling class.

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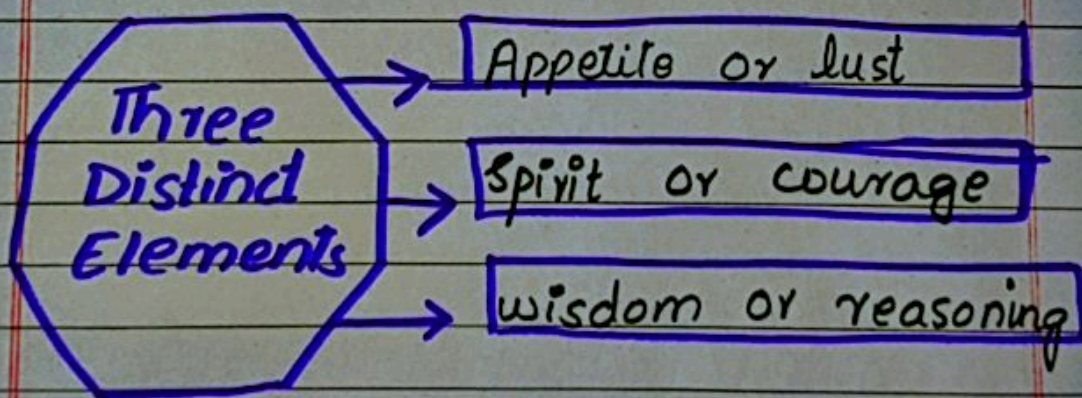
"Justice is hinge of Plato's thoughts."

(Dr Barker)

Plato's Idea of Justice

Plato defines justice as "each individual and each class performing its role efficiently without the interfering in others job, thereby creating harmony in both the soul and the state."

According to Plato, Justice as human beings are motivated by three distinct elements.

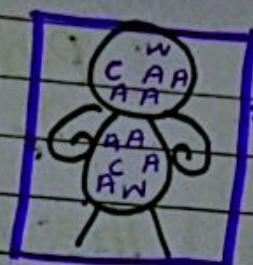


In human beings, one element predominates over other.

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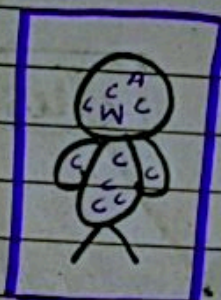
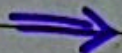
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Appetite
dominates



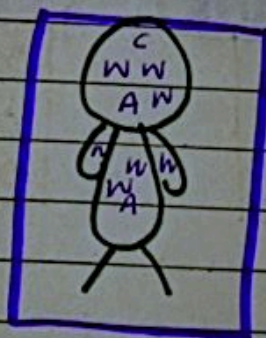
Artisan
class

Courage
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Military
class

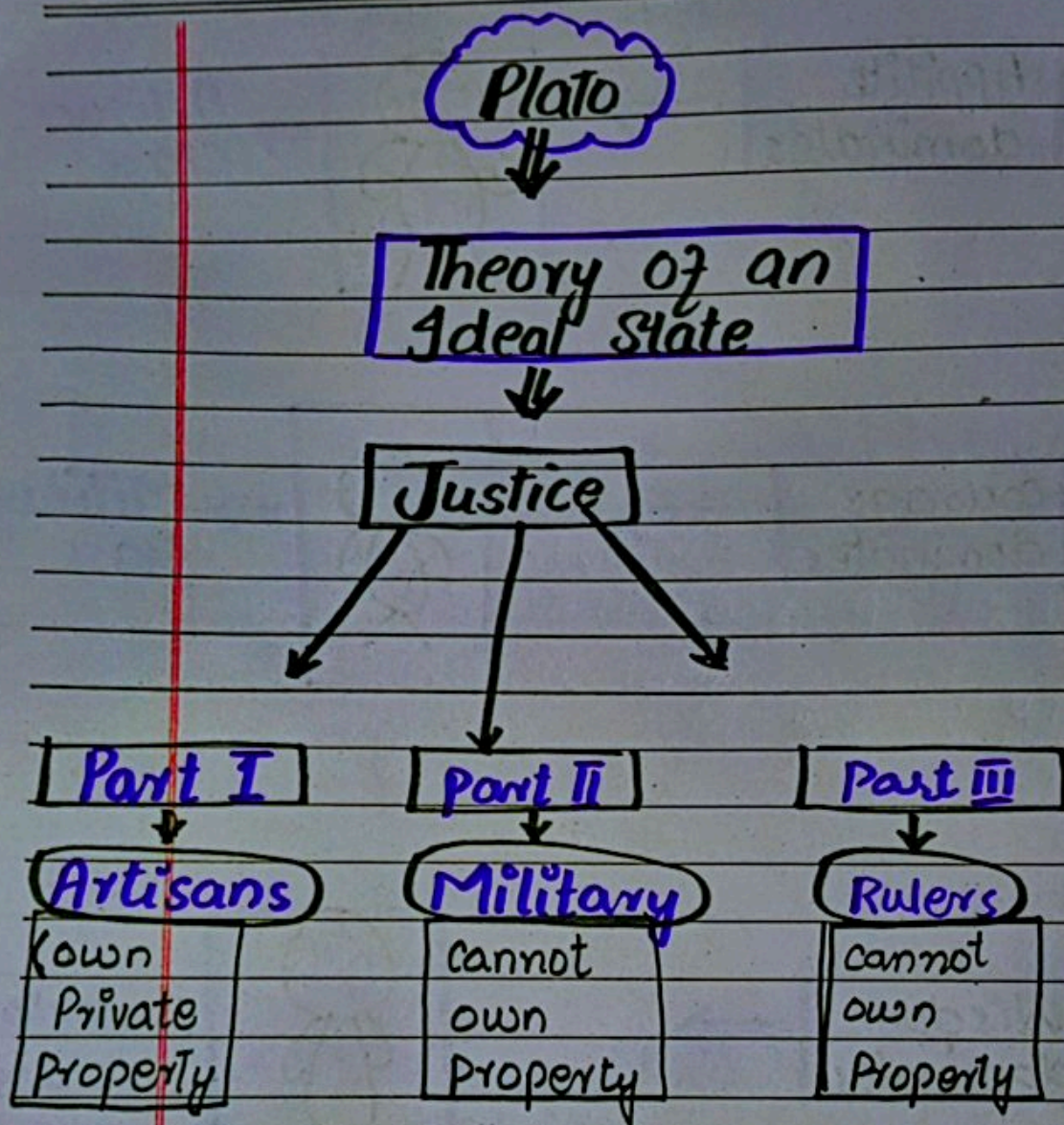
Wisdom
dominates



Ruler
class

According to Plato, Justice is another name of righteousness. He argued that if each class performs its role honestly and does not interfere in the work of others, Justice prevails.

"Justice is doing one's own job"
"The Republic"



Features Of Plato's Idea

There are the following features of Plato's idea of justice

① **Functional Specialization:-**
Justice means, every individual and each class performing its role according to its natural

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trait without interfering in the task of others.

② Harmony of the Soul:-

Justice exist with the function of such three elements when reason rules, spirit supports the reason and appetite obey both of them - creating inner balance.

③ Harmony in the State:

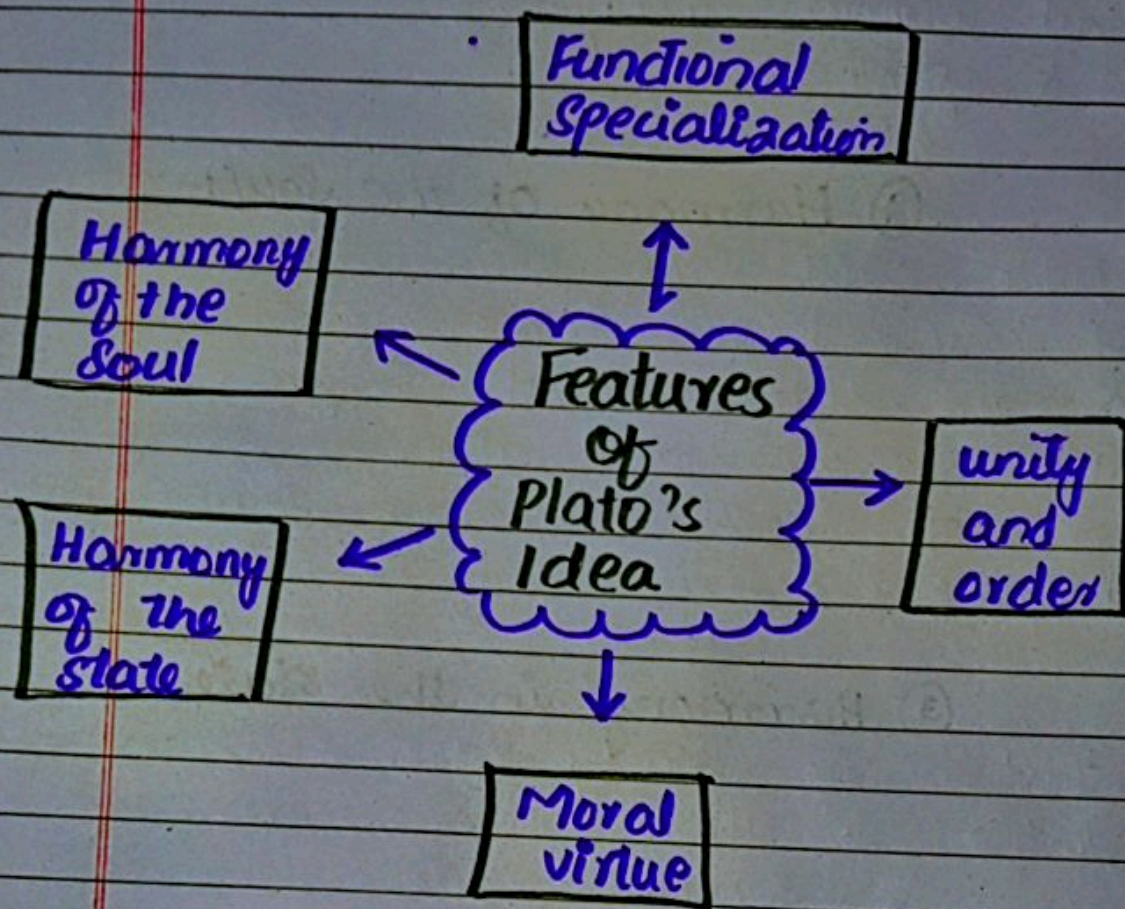
Justice in Society exist mirrors Justice in the Soul: rulers govern ^{wisely}, soldiers protect bravely, and producers work diligently.

④ Moral virtue

Justice is the highest virtue that ensures wisdom, courage, and temperance, function in balance.

⑤ Unity and order:-

Justice maintains unity among different classes by preventing conflict and misunderstanding among them.



Plato's Education System:-

According to Plato's education concept of justice, education serves as the chief instrument through which individuals are shaped to perform their roles. • Thereby ensuring justice and harmony within society. He said

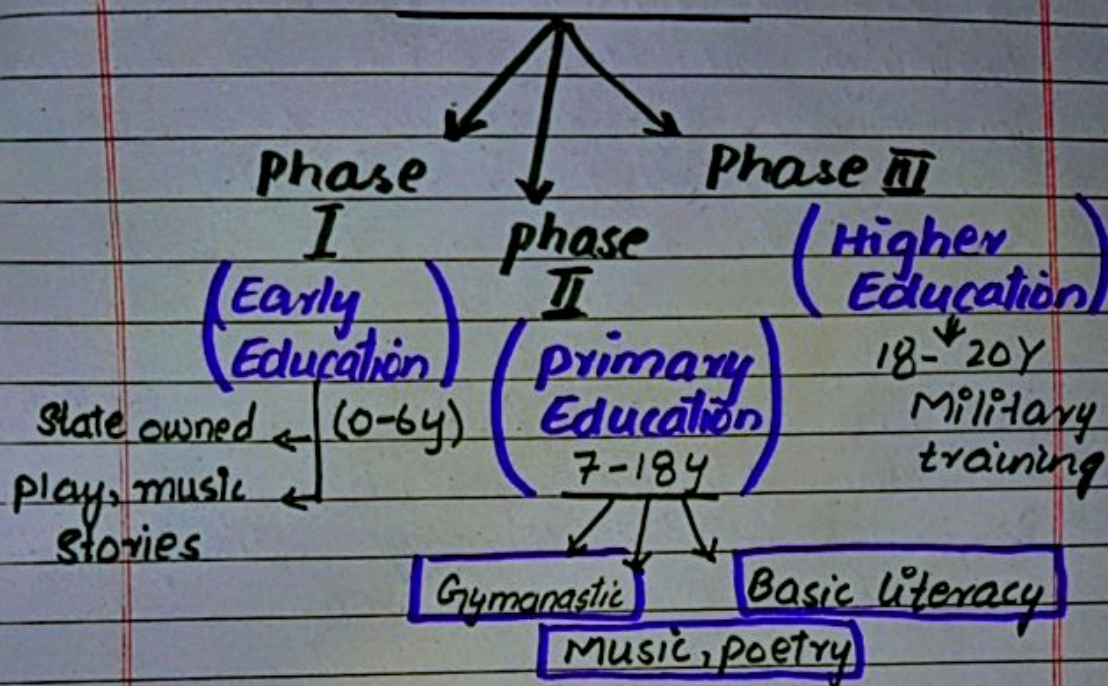
" Education is the means by which each man is fitted for work he is naturally best suited to do "

(The Republic)

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Plato's Education System



Phase I:- Early Education

Plato believed that education begins at birth and should be state-controlled. During this phase, children learn through play, music, and stories. The purpose is to shape their character, emotions, and morals rather than their intellect. He emphasized that early impression deeply affects the soul, so only moral tales and harmonious music

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should be allowed.

Phase II : Primary Education

In this stage the focus shifts to Physical, moral, and intellectual training. It includes gymnastics for body, poetry and music for soul, and basic literacy for mind. Plato aimed to develop balance - a strong, disciplined body and a refined, self-controlled mind. The plan was to prepare citizens for civic life through discipline, courage, and harmony.

Phase III : Higher Education (18-20).

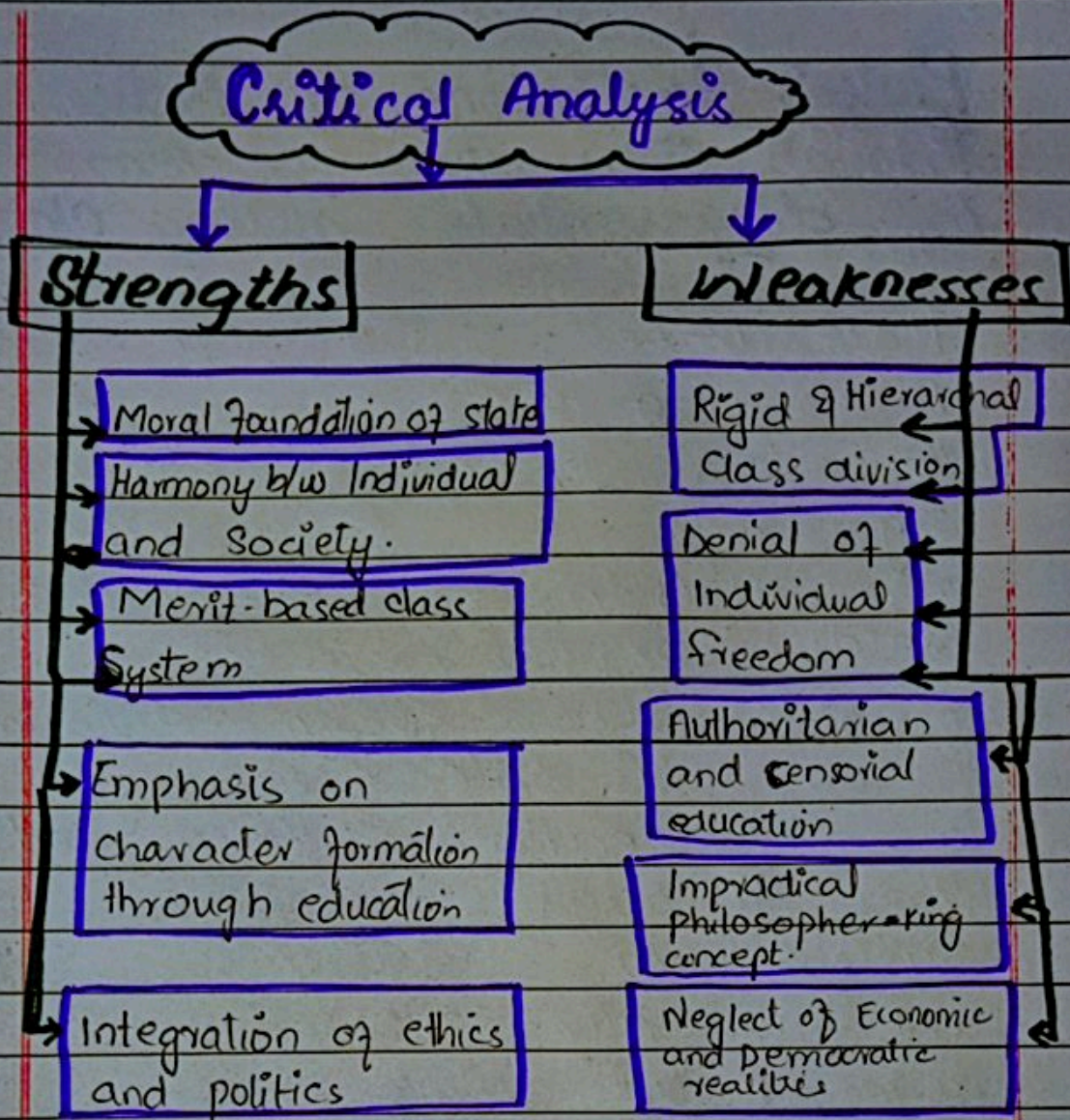
This phase begins after physical and moral formation. Plato prescribed military training to instill bravery, obedience and patriotism. It prepared the young adults for public duty and leadership. After 20 years, merely the capable and the wised would continue to philosophical and mathematical studies in the Academy, leading eventually to the education of the philosopher-king.

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Plato's Implications of Justice Through Education System To differentiate ruling class:

Plato connects justice with education by arguing that harmony of the state depends on well organized system of learning and division of class among state. For him, justice prevails when every individual performs his role according to his credibility. He argued that, through rigorous system of training, individuals are gradually filtered and differentiated into class. Those who show wisdom, rationality, and intellectual strength are educated further to become rulers. In this way, education ensures that leadership is not based on wealth but on merit. He believed justice is achieved when ruling class is composed of most virtuous and knowledgeable minds.



Conclusion:

Plato's theory connects justice and education to create a balance and a moral society. His focus on harmony and merit gives strength to the state, but the strict class division and limited freedom make his ideas less practical. Still, his vision reminds us that a just society begins with educated and virtuous individuals.