Stoicism (a)

1) Stoicism is often described as the most influential ethical doctrine of the ancient Western World before Christianity.

2) Stoicism is by no stretch of the imagination the successor to the conceptualism or intellectualism of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.

3) Stoicism showed itself at its highest in Rome in the second century A.D.

4) Zeno Citium was the founder of Stoicism.

5) Epictetus one of the most famous and influential of the stoics began life as a Roman slave.

6) Emperor Marcus Aurelius was also a Stoic.

7) Stoics and moral character. (Alastair MacIntyre – After Virtue)

8) How does Stoicism differ from Cynicism?

10) Stoicism:

a) The logical difficulty involving the notions of freedom and predestination.

b) The doctrine of indifference has consequences that seem paradoxical.

c) Stoicism appeals to those only in unusual circumstances, and hence cannot be accepted as a universal ethic.

11) Stoicism and Christianity.