

CANON CLASSICS
END-OF-BOOK TEST
THE MEDITATIONS OF MARCUS AURELIUS

NAME: _____

SCORE: _____ / 36 pts.

THE BOOK:¹ *Answer the questions below.*

1. *Emperor Marcus Aurelius was a student of what major philosophical system? (2 pts.)*

THE PLOT: *Answer the questions below quickly and succinctly.*

2. *List and briefly describe three themes Marcus Aurelius addresses in the Meditations. (6 pts.)*

4. *List at least three similarities between the teachings of Marcus Aurelius and those of Christianity. (6 pts.)*

5. *List at least three differences between the teachings of Marcus Aurelius and those of Christianity. (6 pts.)*

6. *Marcus speaks often about self-respect. How does that differ from “self-esteem” as we typically think of it? (2 pts.)*

THE WORLDVIEW: *Please complete the following essay questions on the back of this test or a separate sheet of paper. Be specific and detailed in your answers, showing original thought and creativity (e.g., don't just regurgitate the Worldview Guide.)*

5. *Essay 1: In Book II, Marcus wrote, “Begin the morning by saying to thyself, I shall meet with the busybody, the ungrateful, arrogant, deceitful, envious, unsocial. All these things happen to them by reason of their ignorance of what is good and evil.” Do you agree that ignorance is the cause of people's wrong behavior? Why or why not? (8 pts.)*

6. *Essay 2: What are the most important lessons you will take from reading the “Meditations”? (6 pts.)*

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