

# Chapter 1--The Nature of Philosophy

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- B. Platonic philosopher
- C. Feminist philosopher
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- C. The whole and the part
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True False

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19. Monotheism is the belief that there are many gods.

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33. Philosophy is traditionally divided into three categories of philosophical topics. Do you think that these divisions are strict ones, or do you think that the questions that fall under one category are relevant to those that fall under others? Explain and illustrate your answers.

34. What are the advantages of Socratic questions<sup>3/4</sup>and what might its dangers be?

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