

# Contents

---

## Introductory note ix

## Early Pyrrhonism

- 1 Scepticism 1
- 2 Tranquillity and virtue 9
- 3 Timon's polemics 13

## Epicureanism

### PHYSICS

- 4 The principles of conservation 18
- 5 The basic division 20
- 6 Proof of the existence of void 23
- 7 Secondary attributes 25
- 8 Atoms 30
- 9 Minimal parts 32
- 10 Infinity 38
- 11 Atomic motion 41
- 12 Microscopic and macroscopic properties 49
- 13 Cosmology without teleology 54
- 14 Soul 64
- 15 Sensation, imagination, memory 75

### EPISTEMOLOGY

- 16 The truth of all impressions 83
- 17 The criteria of truth 91
- 18 Scientific methodology 93
- 19 Language 98

### ETHICS

- 20 Free will 104
- 21 Pleasure 114
- 22 Society 129

## Contents

- 23 God 143
- 24 Death 154
- 25 Philosophy 159

### Stoicism

- 26 The philosophical curriculum 163

#### ONTOLOGY

- 27 Existence and subsistence 166
- 28 The first and second genera 169
- 29 The third and fourth genera 178
- 30 Universals 181

#### LOGIC AND SEMANTICS

- 31 Dialectic and rhetoric 186
- 32 Definition and division 193
- 33 Sayables (*lekta*) 196
- 34 Simple propositions 204
- 35 Non-simple propositions 209
- 36 Arguments 213
- 37 Fallacy 221
- 38 Modality 232

#### EPISTEMOLOGY: STOICS AND ACADEMICS

- 39 Impressions 238
- 40 The criteria of truth 243
- 41 Knowledge and opinion 254
- 42 Scientific methodology 259

#### PHYSICS

- 43 The scope of physics 264
- 44 Principles 265
- 45 Body 269
- 46 God, fire, cosmic cycle 271
- 47 Elements, breath, tenor, tension 277
- 48 Mixture 287
- 49 Place and void 291
- 50 Continuum 296
- 51 Time 301
- 52 Everlasting recurrence 305
- 53 Soul 310
- 54 Theology 321
- 55 Causation and fate 332

**ETHICS**

- 56 The division of ethical topics 341
- 57 Impulse and appropriateness 343
- 58 Value and indifference 349
- 59 Proper functions 355
- 60 Good and bad 364
- 61 Virtue and vice 373
- 62 Moral responsibility 382
- 63 The end and happiness 389
- 64 The end: Academic criticism and Stoic defence 394
- 65 The passions 404
- 66 Ethics in action 418
- 67 Political theory 423

**The Academics**

- 68 Methodology 432
- 69 Living without opinions 443
- 70 Contributions to philosophical debates 452

**The Pyrrhonist Revival**

- 71 Why to suspend judgement 458
- 72 How to suspend judgement 461

**Bibliography**

- General 476
- Early Pyrrhonism 479
- Epicureanism 480
- Stoicism 491
- The Academics 510
- The Pyrrhonist revival 511