

General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Examination January 2013

### Philosophy

## PHIL1

### Unit 1 An Introduction to Philosophy 1

Wednesday 9 January 2013 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

• an AQA 12-page answer book.

#### Time allowed

• 1 hour 30 minutes

#### Instructions

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- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is PHIL1.
- Answer **four** questions.
- Answer both questions on Theme 1 and both questions on one other theme.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

#### Advice

- You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.
- You are advised to spend the same amount of time on each theme.

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#### Answer four questions.

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Answer **both** questions on **Theme 1** and **both** questions on **one** other theme.

#### Theme 1: Reason and experience



Illustrating your answer, explain the difference between *a priori* and *a posteriori* knowledge. (15 marks)



How convincing is the claim that at birth the mind is a *tabula rasa*? (30 marks)

#### Theme 2: Why should I be governed?

**0 3** Outline and illustrate **two** reasons which may justify political dissent. (15 marks)

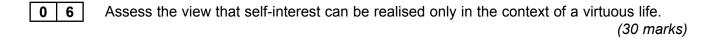


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'It is in our interests to be politically organised in a State otherwise we would not have consented to it.' Discuss. (30 marks)

#### Theme 3: Why should I be moral?

5 Outline and illustrate the view that a contractual approach to morality fails adequately to account for our moral interests or obligations. (15 marks)



#### Theme 4: The idea of God

0 7	Explain and illustrate <b>one</b> version of the ontological argument.	(15 marks)
0 8	'It is difficult to make sense of the idea of God.' Discuss.	(30 marks)

#### Theme 5: Persons



Outline and illustrate an argument in support of the claim that the concept of a person is logically primitive or basic. (15 marks)



Assess the implications of the view that being a person is a matter of degree. (30 marks)

#### END OF QUESTIONS

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