



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2011

Philosophy

PHIL3

Unit 3 Key Themes in Philosophy

Monday 20 June 2011 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 2 hours

Instructions

- 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 PHIL3.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Choose **two** sections and answer **one** question from each section.
- 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 100.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.
Choose **two** sections and answer **one** question from each section.

Section A: Philosophy of Mind

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 Assess the view that the mind is purely physical. (50 marks)

OR

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 Evaluate the possibility that yours is the only mind that exists. (50 marks)

Section B: Political Philosophy

EITHER

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 Evaluate the libertarian view that redistribution of property by the state cannot be justified. (50 marks)

OR

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 'Too much freedom is a dangerous thing.'
Discuss what limits, if any, the state should place on individual liberty. (50 marks)

Section C: Epistemology and Metaphysics

EITHER

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 Assess the view that knowledge is the same thing as justified true belief. (50 marks)

OR

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 Assess the claim that there can be no knowledge of what lies beyond sense experience. (50 marks)

Section D: Moral Philosophy

EITHER

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Evaluate the claim that moral values cannot be derived from facts.

*(50 marks)***OR**

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'Always act so as to produce the greatest happiness for the greatest number.'

Using a practical moral problem of your choice, discuss whether utilitarianism provides an effective guide to action.

(50 marks)

Section E: Philosophy of Religion

EITHER

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'Why is there something rather than nothing?'

Assess whether the existence of the universe requires God as a first cause. *(50 marks)***OR**

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Assess whether belief in miracles is rational.

*(50 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**

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