

General Certificate of Education Advanced Level Examination June 2013

Philosophy

PHIL4

Unit 4 Philosophical Problems

Thursday 20 June 2013 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

• an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

• 1 hour 30 minutes

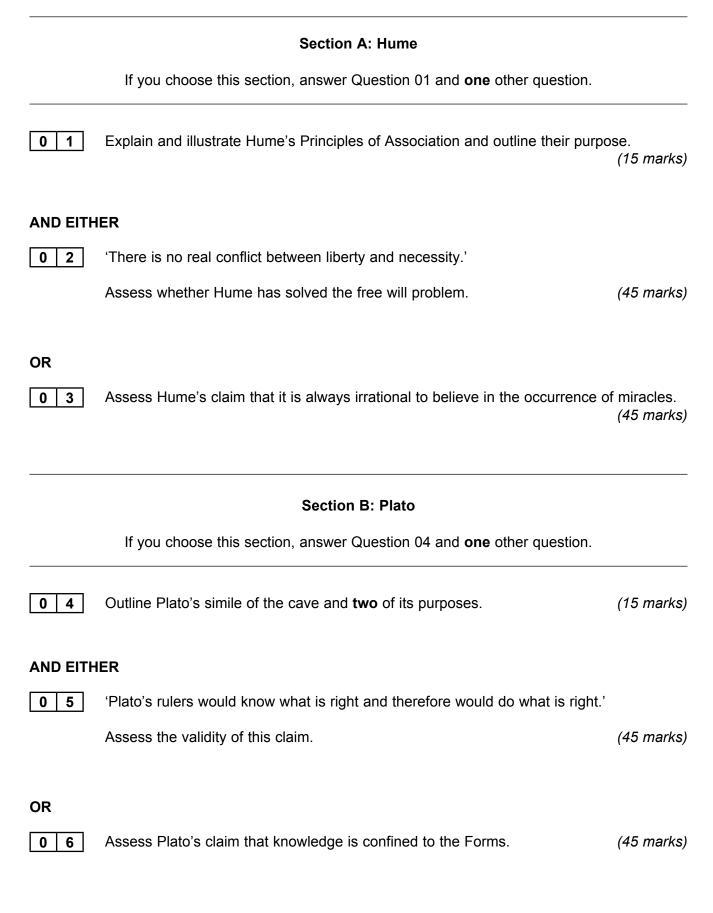
Instructions

- 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 PHIL4.
- Answer questions from **one** section. In that section, answer the first question **and** one other question.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

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- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.



Section C: Mill

If you choose this section, answer Question 07 and one other question.

0 7 Outline any **three** of Mill's arguments for defending free speech. (15 marks)

AND EITHER



'Actions that do not harm others should not be the subject of interference either from the state or society.'

Assess whether Mill succeeds in defending this view. (45 marks)

OR

0 9 Assess whether Mill was right to claim that there are dangers inherent in democracy. (45 marks)

Section D: Descartes

If you choose this section, answer Question 10 and one other question.

1 0 Explain any **two** of the arguments Descartes considers in his attempt to prove the existence of material things. (15 marks)

AND EITHER

1 'The application of Descartes' method of doubt establishes the existence of a thinking self as a logical certainty.'

Assess the validity of this claim.

(45 marks)

OR

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Assess whether Descartes succeeds in establishing that mind and body are separate and distinct. (45 marks)

Section E: Nietzsche

If you choose this section, answer Question 13 and one other question.

13Outline and illustrate Nietzsche's claim that past philosophy is an expression of the
prejudice of its author.(15 marks)

AND EITHER

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'Nietzsche's account of religious belief shows little understanding of the meaning and significance of such belief.'

Assess whether this is a justifiable criticism of Nietzsche. (45 marks)

OR



Assess the validity and implications of Nietzsche's distinction between slave and master morality. (45 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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