



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2011

Philosophy

PHIL4

Unit 4 Philosophical Problems

Wednesday 22 June 2011 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hours 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

- 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 A: Hume

If you choose this section, answer Question 01 and **one** other question.

- 0 1** Outline and illustrate Hume's distinction between relations of ideas and matters of fact.
(15 marks)

AND EITHER

- 0 2** Critically discuss Hume's attempt to show that all our ideas are dependent on sense-experience.
(45 marks)

OR

- 0 3** 'Hume has shown that a belief in the occurrence of a miracle will always be irrational.'
Assess the validity of this claim.
(45 marks)

Section B: Plato

If you choose this section, answer Question 04 and **one** other question.

- 0 4** Outline Socrates' attempt to refute Thrasymachus' claim that the interests of the stronger determine what is right and just.
(15 marks)

AND EITHER

- 0 5** Assess Plato's distinction between knowledge and belief.
(45 marks)

OR

- 0 6** 'Democracy provides the most just and efficient form of political rule'.
Assess whether Plato has shown this claim to be false.
(45 marks)

Section C: Mill

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

- 0 7** Explain Mill's 'harm principle' and outline any **three** of his applications of that principle.
(15 marks)

AND EITHER

- 0 8** 'Mill's account of personal liberty ensures the development of the individual and society.'
Assess the validity of this claim. (45 marks)

OR

- 0 9** To what extent, if any, was Mill right to highlight dangers inherent in democracy?
(45 marks)
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Section D: Descartes

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

- 1 0** Explain and illustrate Descartes' ontological argument. (15 marks)

AND EITHER

- 1 1** Assess Descartes' use of doubt and certainty in establishing his own existence.
(45 marks)

OR

- 1 2** 'Descartes' position on mind and body is both incoherent and inconsistent.'
Discuss the validity of this claim. (45 marks)

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Section E: Nietzsche

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

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Explain and illustrate Nietzsche's ladder of religious cruelty.

(15 marks)

AND EITHER

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Assess Nietzsche's distinction between master and slave morality.

(45 marks)

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'Nietzsche's account of the nature and scope of philosophy lacks accuracy and consistency.'

Assess whether this is a justifiable criticism.

(45 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS