



General Certificate of Education
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PHILOSOPHY

PHIL2

Unit 2 An Introduction to Philosophy 2

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards

This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-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 PHIL2.
- Answer **four** questions. Choose **two** themes and answer **both** questions on each 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.

Answer **four** questions. Choose **two** themes and answer **both** questions on each theme.

Theme 1: Knowledge of the external world

- 0 | 1** Outline and illustrate the differences between sense data and physical objects. (15 marks)
- 0 | 2** 'The existence of the external world is a reasonable hypothesis.' Consider what can be said both for and against this view. (30 marks)

Theme 2: Tolerance

- 0 | 3** Explain and illustrate **two** reasons why tolerance should not rule out being offensive. (15 marks)
- 0 | 4** Discuss the claim that society should be tolerant because the benefits of toleration outweigh the costs. (30 marks)

Theme 3: The value of art

- 0 | 5** Explain and illustrate **two** criticisms of the claim that something cannot be art unless it is emotionally moving. (15 marks)
- 0 | 6** How convincing is the claim that 'Because art is informative, we value it'? (30 marks)

Theme 4: God and the world

- 0 | 7** Explain and illustrate **two** ways in which a world without pain and suffering could be less good than a world with pain and suffering. (15 marks)
- 0 | 8** Assess whether 'God designed the world' is a reasonable hypothesis. (30 marks)

Theme 5: Free will and determinism

- 0 | 9** Contrast determinism with fatalism, illustrating your answer. (15 marks)
- 1 | 0** Explore the claim that 'We make the choices we do because of our nature'. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS