



General Certificate of Education  
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## PHILOSOPHY

## PHIL2

### Unit 2 An Introduction to Philosophy 2

Friday 15 January 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 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 **two** questions.
- 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.

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**Theme: Knowledge of the external world**

- 1 (a) Explain **and** illustrate **two** of the following arguments for the existence of sense-data:
- illusion
  - perceptual variation
  - the time-lag argument
  - scientific descriptions of reality. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Consider whether idealism provides a satisfactory account of the nature and existence of physical objects. *(30 marks)*

**Theme: Tolerance**

- 2 (a) Illustrating your answer, briefly contrast being tolerant with being **two** of the following:
- indifferent
  - powerless
  - indulgent. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Consider the view that in tolerant societies no particular way of life should be promoted as superior. *(30 marks)*

**Theme: The value of art**

- 3 (a) ‘This instrumental music expresses sadness.’ Suppose we agree it does: outline **two** reasons why this is philosophically puzzling. *(15 marks)*
- (b) Discuss the view that art should seek ‘truth’. *(30 marks)*

**Theme: God and the world**

- 4 (a) ‘Religious believers and non-believers experience “the world” differently.’ Explain **and** illustrate this claim with reference to the idea of ‘seeing as’. *(15 marks)*
- (b) ‘Life is terrible, thank God.’ Explore the relation between suffering and the existence of God. *(30 marks)*

**Theme: Free will and determinism**

- 5 (a) 'One and the same action can be both free and determined.' Explain **and** illustrate **two** criticisms of this view. *(15 marks)*
- (b) 'Because we have free will, we are morally responsible.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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