



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2010

Philosophy

PHIL3

Unit 3 Key Themes in Philosophy

Monday 14 June 2010 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.

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 question.

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

Section A
Philosophy of mind

EITHER

0 1 Assess eliminative materialism. *(50 marks)*

OR

0 2 Is any account of how the mind affects the body, and the body affects the mind, convincing? *(50 marks)*

Section B
Political philosophy

EITHER

0 3 'In order to protect the liberty of individuals, the role of the state should be minimal.'
Discuss this view. *(50 marks)*

OR

0 4 Assess the claim that there are no such things as natural rights. *(50 marks)*

Section C
Epistemology and metaphysics

EITHER

0 5 'The fact that our beliefs are subject to error shows that knowledge is impossible.'
Evaluate this claim. *(50 marks)*

OR

0 6 Evaluate the claim that universals exist only in the mind. *(50 marks)*

Section D
Moral philosophy

EITHER

0 7 'Cultures make different judgements about what is right and what is wrong and so there can be no moral truth.' Discuss. *(50 marks)*

OR

0 8 Assess the view that what makes an action moral is that it is motivated by a sense of duty. *(50 marks)*

Section E
Philosophy of religion

EITHER

0 9 'From a scientific point of view, we can make no distinction between the man who eats little and sees heaven and the man who drinks much and sees snakes.' Assess the argument from religious experience for the existence of God in the light of this remark. *(50 marks)*

OR

1 0 Assess the possibility of miracles. *(50 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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