



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
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# 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.

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**Section A: Hume**

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

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- 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)
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**Section B: Plato**

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

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- 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)

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**Section C: Mill**

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

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- 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.

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- 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)*

**OR**

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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**