



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2012

Philosophy

PHIL1

Unit 1 An Introduction to Philosophy 1

Wednesday 11 January 2012 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-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 PHIL1.
- Answer **four** questions.
- Answer **both** questions on **Theme 1** and **both** questions on **one** other 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.

Answer **both** questions on **Theme 1** and **both** questions on **one** other theme.

Theme 1: Reason and Experience

0 1 Outline and illustrate the view that certainty is confined to introspection and the tautological. *(15 marks)*

0 2 Assess the view that we have no innate knowledge. *(30 marks)*

Theme 2: Why should I be governed?

0 3 Outline and illustrate **one** criticism of the view that legitimate government requires popular approval. *(15 marks)*

0 4 Assess the claim that only non-violent protests against the State are justifiable. *(30 marks)*

Theme 3: Why should I be moral?

0 5 Outline and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that self-interest is irrelevant to morality. *(15 marks)*

0 6 Assess the view that morality is a conventional agreement for our mutual advantage. *(30 marks)*

Theme 4: The idea of God

0 7 Outline the view that God is eternal and explain **one** difficulty with this view. *(15 marks)*

0 8 Assess the claim that God necessarily exists. *(30 marks)*

Theme 5: Persons

0 9 Explain and illustrate what is meant by the claim that some persons may be diminished. *(15 marks)*

1 0 'Our identity as persons through time is given by psychological continuity.'
Assess this claim. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS