



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2012

Philosophy

PHIL1

Unit 1 An Introduction to Philosophy 1

Monday 14 May 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 you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- 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** Explain and illustrate what is meant by the claim that experience is intelligible only because we possess a predetermined conceptual scheme. (15 marks)
- 0 2** Assess the view that no significant claims about what exists are known *a priori*. (30 marks)

Theme 2: Why should I be governed?

- 0 3** Illustrating your answer, explain the difference between hypothetical and tacit consent. (15 marks)
- 0 4** 'In order to be legitimate, a government requires popular approval.'
Discuss. (30 marks)

Theme 3: Why should I be moral?

- 0 5** Explain and illustrate **two** criticisms of the contractual view of why we should be moral. (15 marks)
- 0 6** 'Being moral does not require me to do anything more than to conform to moral rules.'
Discuss. (30 marks)

Theme 4: The idea of God

- 0 7** Explain and illustrate **two** difficulties with the claim that God is omniscient. (15 marks)
- 0 8** Assess the claim that the idea of God is not innate but formed through mundane social and psychological processes. (30 marks)

Theme 5: Persons

- 0 9** Explain and illustrate how *survival* through time differs from *identity* through time. (15 marks)
- 1 0** 'Non-human animals possess some characteristics of personhood, but no non-human animal is sufficiently complex to be a person.'
Discuss. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS