



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2012

Philosophy

PHIL2

Unit 2 An Introduction to Philosophy 2

Wednesday 23 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 PHIL2.
- Answer **four** questions.
- Choose **two** themes and answer **both** questions on each of your chosen themes.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that 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.

Choose **two** themes and answer **both** questions on each theme.

Theme 1: Knowledge of the external world

0 1 Explain and illustrate **two** differences between primary and secondary qualities. *(15 marks)*

0 2 'The strengths of idealism outweigh the weaknesses.'
Discuss. *(30 marks)*

Theme 2: Tolerance

0 3 Explain and illustrate **two** reasons in favour of the view that a society should be tolerant. *(15 marks)*

0 4 Assess the view that tolerance requires individuals to do or say nothing that may offend others. *(30 marks)*

Theme 3: The value of art

0 5 Explain and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that art is supposed to represent reality. *(15 marks)*

0 6 'The main reason that we value art is because it expresses the mood or feelings of the artist.'
Discuss. *(30 marks)*

Theme 4: God and the world

0 7 Explain and illustrate the claim that religious belief is nothing more than a reflection of the feelings, attitudes and commitments of the believer. *(15 marks)*

0 8 'Evil is the result of free human action.'
Assess whether this is a satisfactory solution to the problem of evil. *(30 marks)*

Theme 5: Free will and determinism

0 9 Explain and illustrate how determinism might undermine rationality. *(15 marks)*

1 0 'If determinism is true, then we don't have free will.'
Discuss. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS