



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2012

Philosophy

PHIL3

Unit 3 Key Themes in Philosophy

Thursday 14 June 2012 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.

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

Section A
Philosophy of Mind

EITHER

0 | 1 Assess the claim that mental states cannot be reduced to physical states of the brain. *(50 marks)*

OR

0 | 2 Assess whether computers might one day be conscious. *(50 marks)*

Section B
Political Philosophy

EITHER

0 | 3 To what extent is any state an instrument of oppression? *(50 marks)*

OR

0 | 4 Evaluate the view that no war can ever be just. *(50 marks)*

Section C
Epistemology and Metaphysics

EITHER

0 | 5 Critically discuss the realist view of belief. *(50 marks)*

OR

0 | 6 Assess whether phenomenalism succeeds in overcoming scepticism about the physical world. *(50 marks)*

Section D
Moral Philosophy

EITHER

0 7 'Moral judgements do not describe reality.'
Assess this claim with reference to **either** emotivism **or** prescriptivism. *(50 marks)*

OR

0 8 Assess whether a good way to approach a moral difficulty is to consider which action would be most virtuous. *(50 marks)*

Section E
Philosophy of Religion

EITHER

0 9 Assess the view that all talk of God is meaningless. *(50 marks)*

OR

1 0 'Even though there is not enough evidence to establish God's existence, it is still more rational to choose to believe there is a God, than to believe there is not.'
Discuss. *(50 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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