



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2013

Philosophy

PHIL2

Unit 2 An Introduction to Philosophy 2

Friday 17 May 2013

9.00 am to 10.30 am

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 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.

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

Theme 1: Knowledge of the external world

0 | 1 Explain and illustrate **one** strength and **one** weakness of idealism. (15 marks)

0 | 2 Assess the claim that sense data are unnecessary in explaining our perceptions of the world. (30 marks)

Theme 2: Tolerance

0 | 3 Explain and illustrate **one** way in which tolerance may result in a paradox or contradiction. (15 marks)

0 | 4 Assess the claim that a tolerant society may not benefit its members. (30 marks)

Theme 3: The value of art

0 | 5 Explain and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that we value art because it expresses the feelings of the artist. (15 marks)

0 | 6 Assess the claim that we should value art because it truthfully represents reality. (30 marks)

Theme 4: God and the world

0 | 7 Explain and illustrate **one** argument to show that belief in God reflects attitudes and commitments rather than facts about the world. (15 marks)

0 | 8 'We infer a designer from design, so we can infer God from the world.'
Assess this claim. (30 marks)

Theme 5: Free will and determinism

0 | 9 Explain and illustrate how determinism may be distinguished from religious predestination. (15 marks)

1 | 0 'There is no contradiction in claiming that human action is both determined and free.'
Assess this claim. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS