



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2013

Philosophy

PHIL3

Unit 3 Key Themes in Philosophy

Thursday 13 June 2013 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 Give a critical account of the view that the mind can be reduced to behaviour. *(50 marks)*

OR

0 2 Assess the view that it is a mistake to suppose that the mind interacts with the body. *(50 marks)*

Section B: Political philosophy

EITHER

0 3 'Human nature is such that political authority is necessary.' Evaluate this claim. *(50 marks)*

OR

0 4 Assess whether nations have rights. *(50 marks)*

Section C: Epistemology and metaphysics

EITHER

0 5 'The claim that universals exist independently of particulars creates more problems than it solves.' Discuss. *(50 marks)*

OR

0 6 'Sceptical arguments show that knowledge is impossible.' Assess this claim. *(50 marks)*

Section D: Moral philosophy

EITHER

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 Assess the view that it is possible to have knowledge of moral truths. *(50 marks)***OR**

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 Discuss a moral problem of your choice and consider how **one or more** of the ethical theories you have studied might resolve it. *(50 marks)*

Section E: Philosophy of religion

EITHER

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 Assess the claim that it is irrational to believe in God on the basis of faith alone. *(50 marks)***OR**

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 'To experience God is to know he exists.' Assess this claim. *(50 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**

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