



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2013

Philosophy

PHIL4

Unit 4 Philosophical Problems

Thursday 20 June 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 PHIL4.
- Answer questions from **one** section. In that section, answer the first question **and** one other question.
- 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 60.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A: Hume

If you choose this section, answer Question 01 and **one** other question.

0 1 Explain and illustrate Hume's Principles of Association and outline their purpose. *(15 marks)*

AND EITHER

0 2 'There is no real conflict between liberty and necessity.'
Assess whether Hume has solved the free will problem. *(45 marks)*

OR

0 3 Assess Hume's claim that it is always irrational to believe in the occurrence of miracles. *(45 marks)*

Section B: Plato

If you choose this section, answer Question 04 and **one** other question.

0 4 Outline Plato's simile of the cave and **two** of its purposes. *(15 marks)*

AND EITHER

0 5 'Plato's rulers would know what is right and therefore would do what is right.'
Assess the validity of this claim. *(45 marks)*

OR

0 6 Assess Plato's claim that knowledge is confined to the Forms. *(45 marks)*

Section C: Mill

If you choose this section, answer Question 07 and **one** other question.

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Outline any **three** of Mill's arguments for defending free speech.

(15 marks)

AND EITHER

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'Actions that do not harm others should not be the subject of interference either from the state or society.'

Assess whether Mill succeeds in defending this view.

(45 marks)

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Assess whether Mill was right to claim that there are dangers inherent in democracy.

(45 marks)

Section D: Descartes

If you choose this section, answer Question 10 and **one** other question.

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Explain any **two** of the arguments Descartes considers in his attempt to prove the existence of material things.

(15 marks)

AND EITHER

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'The application of Descartes' method of doubt establishes the existence of a thinking self as a logical certainty.'

Assess the validity of this claim.

(45 marks)

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Assess whether Descartes succeeds in establishing that mind and body are separate and distinct.

(45 marks)

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Section E: Nietzsche

If you choose this section, answer Question 13 and **one** other question.

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Outline and illustrate Nietzsche's claim that past philosophy is an expression of the prejudice of its author. *(15 marks)*

AND EITHER

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'Nietzsche's account of religious belief shows little understanding of the meaning and significance of such belief.'

Assess whether this is a justifiable criticism of Nietzsche. *(45 marks)*

OR

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Assess the validity and implications of Nietzsche's distinction between slave and master morality. *(45 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS