



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2014

Philosophy

PHIL3

Unit 3 Key Themes in Philosophy

Tuesday 3 June 2014 9.00 am to 11.00 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-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 **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

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 Assess the functionalist account of mental states. **[50 marks]**

or

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 Assess the view that the mind is dependent on the brain. **[50 marks]**

Section B
Political Philosophy

Either

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 Assess the view that natural rights should never be violated. **[50 marks]**

or

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 'From each according to his ability, and to each according to his need.' Assess whether social goods should be distributed according to need alone. **[50 marks]**

Section C
Epistemology and Metaphysics

Either

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 Assess whether knowledge can be defined. **[50 marks]**

or

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 Assess whether absolute judgements about reality can be justified. **[50 marks]**

Section D**Moral Philosophy**

Either

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 Assess the view that there are objective moral truths.**[50 marks]****or**

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 'The morality of an action does not depend on its consequences.' Discuss.**[50 marks]**

Section E**Philosophy of Religion**

Either

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 'Belief in God is irrational.' Discuss.**[50 marks]****or**

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 Assess whether the cosmological argument is successful in proving the existence of God.**[50 marks]****END OF QUESTIONS**

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