



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Philosophy

PHIL1

Unit 1 An Introduction to Philosophy 1

Tuesday 13 January 2009 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-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 PHIL1.
- Answer Question 1 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 90.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Theme: Reason and experience

- 1 (a) Explain and illustrate **one** account of the origin of our conceptual schemes. (15 marks)
- (b) How convincing is the view that we are born with at least some (innate) knowledge? (30 marks)

Theme: Why should I be governed?

- 2 (a) Explain and illustrate **two** ways in which an individual might possess authority. (15 marks)
- (b) Is any account of the condition of mankind in a state of nature convincing? (30 marks)

Theme: Why should I be moral?

- 3 (a) Explain and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that morality is the product of a social contract. (15 marks)
- (b) 'I might believe that an action is morally right, but this does not give me a motive to perform it.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Theme: The idea of God

- 4 (a) Outline **two** versions of the ontological argument. (15 marks)
- (b) Assess the view that God is no more than a human construction. (30 marks)

Theme: Persons

- 5 (a) Explain and illustrate the claim that the concept of a person is primitive. (15 marks)
- (b) How convincing is the claim that some non-human animals could be persons? (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS