



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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# PHILOSOPHY

# PHIL1

## Unit 1 An Introduction to Philosophy 1

**Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards**

**This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book**

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 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 **four** questions. Answer both questions on **Theme 1** and both questions on **one** other 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.

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Answer **four** questions.

Answer **both** questions on Theme 1 and **both** questions on **one** other theme.

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**Theme 1: Reason and experience**

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 Explain and illustrate **two** ways in which it is possible to have *a priori* knowledge. (15 marks)

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 Critically discuss the view that all knowledge comes from, and is justified by, sense experience. (30 marks)

**Theme 2: Why should I be governed?**

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 Outline and illustrate **two** criticisms of the concept of tacit consent. (15 marks)

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 Why, if at all, might civil disobedience be justified? (30 marks)

**Theme 3: Why should I be moral?**

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 Explain and illustrate **two** ways in which self interest may conflict with morality. (15 marks)

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 'It pays to be moral.' Discuss. (30 marks)

**Theme 4: The idea of God**

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 Explain and illustrate **one** criticism of the ontological argument. (15 marks)

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 'The concept of God is incoherent.' Discuss. (30 marks)

**Theme 5: Persons**

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 Explain and illustrate **two** reasons why some humans might become diminished persons. (15 marks)

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 How convincing is the claim that our personal identity through time is given by psychological continuity? (30 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**