



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2010

Philosophy

PHIL1

Unit 1 An Introduction to Philosophy 1

Friday 21 May 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

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 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.

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

Theme 1: Reason and experience

- 0 1** Illustrating your answer, explain the difference between contingent and necessary truths. (15 marks)
- 0 2** 'Without a predetermined conceptual scheme our sense experiences would be unintelligible.' Assess the implications of this for empiricism. (30 marks)

Theme 2: Why should I be governed?

- 0 3** Outline **and** illustrate **two** reasons why it may be in our interests to submit to political authority. (15 marks)
- 0 4** 'We have consented to be governed so we are obliged to obey the government.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Theme 3: Why should I be moral?

- 0 5** Outline **and** illustrate the view that virtue is its own reward. (15 marks)
- 0 6** 'Self-interest must be disregarded when deciding which actions are morally right.' Assess this view. (30 marks)

Theme 4: The idea of God

- 0 7** Briefly explain **two** contrasting accounts of how we obtain the idea of God. (15 marks)
- 0 8** Assess whether the ontological argument demonstrates the existence of God. (30 marks)

Theme 5: Persons

- 0 9** Explain **and** illustrate **two** possible reasons for distinguishing the concept of a person from that of a human being. (15 marks)
- 1 0** 'It is more appropriate to speak of our survival through time rather than our identity through time.' Discuss. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS