



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2010

Philosophy

PHIL4

Unit 4 Philosophical Problems

Thursday 24 June 2010 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

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.
- Choose **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 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.

Advice

- You are advised to read through the examination paper before you attempt the questions.

Section A**Hume: An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding**

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

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

AND EITHER

0 2 'There must be more to the relation of cause and effect than the mere succession of objects and events.'

Assess whether Hume's account of causation is vulnerable to this criticism. (45 marks)

OR

0 3 Critically discuss Hume's attempt to solve the free will problem. (45 marks)

Section B**Plato: The Republic**

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

0 4 Outline Plato's simile of the large and powerful animal (beast) and **two** of its purposes. (15 marks)

AND EITHER

0 5 'Claims to have knowledge of a world beyond sense-experience are doomed to fail.'

Discuss in relation to Plato's theory of Forms. (45 marks)

OR

0 6 Discuss the claim that Plato's rulers would administer perfect justice. (45 marks)

Section C**Mill: On Liberty**

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

0 7 Outline **and** illustrate Mill's case for regarding democracy with suspicion. (15 marks)

AND EITHER

0 8 'There is no place for censorship in a free society as individuals must decide for themselves.'

Examine the adequacy of Mill's arguments in support of freedom of expression. (45 marks)

OR

0 9 Assess whether Mill's Harm Principle is a successful device for achieving its purpose. (45 marks)

Section D**Descartes: Meditations**

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

1 0 Explain **and** illustrate Descartes' method of doubt and its purpose. (15 marks)

AND EITHER

1 1 'Descartes fails to establish that mind and body are two separate and distinct substances.'

Assess whether this criticism can be justified. (45 marks)

OR

1 2 Assess Descartes' arguments for the existence of God. (45 marks)

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Section E**Nietzsche: Beyond Good and Evil**

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

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 Outline Nietzsche's account of the sceptic, the critic and the new philosopher. *(15 marks)*

AND EITHER

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 'Nietzsche's position on religious belief relies on the identification of motives and effects rather than reason and argument.'

Assess whether Nietzsche's account of religious belief is vulnerable to this criticism.
(45 marks)

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 Critically discuss Nietzsche's idea that his new morality would be beyond good and evil.
(45 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS