



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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# Philosophy

# PHIL2

## Unit 2 An Introduction to Philosophy 2

Friday 14 January 2011 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**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 PHIL2.
- Answer **four** questions.
- Choose **two** themes and answer **both** questions on each 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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**Theme 1: Knowledge of the external world**

- 0 1** Outline and illustrate **three** characteristics of sense-data. *(15 marks)*
- 0 2** Consider the claim that the weaknesses of representative realism outweigh its strengths. *(30 marks)*

**Theme 2: Tolerance**

- 0 3** Explain and illustrate what is meant by repressive desublimation. *(15 marks)*
- 0 4** 'Tolerance requires us to accept lifestyles we believe to be objectionable but there are limits as to what we can accept.' Discuss. *(30 marks)*

**Theme 3: The value of art**

- 0 5** Explain and illustrate **two** reasons for rejecting the view that 'art should imitate reality'. *(15 marks)*
- 0 6** Assess the claim that 'we value art because it expresses the feelings of the artist'. *(30 marks)*

**Theme 4: God and the world**

- 0 7** 'We can agree that the world is designed without supposing that God exists.' Explain and illustrate **two** reasons supporting this claim. *(15 marks)*
- 0 8** 'The idea of soul making (moral development) provides a satisfactory solution to the problem of evil.' Assess the validity of this claim. *(30 marks)*

**Theme 5: Free will and Determinism**

- 0 9** Explain and illustrate the view that providing a reason for action is not the same as giving a causal explanation of it. *(15 marks)*
- 1 0** Assess the claim that 'as long as I am able to act upon my decisions, my actions are free'. *(30 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**