



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
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# Philosophy

# PHIL3

## Unit 3 Key Themes in Philosophy

Monday 20 June 2011 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 2 hours

**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 PHIL3.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Choose **two** sections and answer **one** question from each section.
- 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 100.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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**Section A: Philosophy of Mind**

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**EITHER**

**0 1** Assess the view that the mind is purely physical. *(50 marks)*

**OR**

**0 2** Evaluate the possibility that yours is the only mind that exists. *(50 marks)*

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**Section B: Political Philosophy**

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**EITHER**

**0 3** Evaluate the libertarian view that redistribution of property by the state cannot be justified. *(50 marks)*

**OR**

**0 4** 'Too much freedom is a dangerous thing.'  
Discuss what limits, if any, the state should place on individual liberty. *(50 marks)*

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**Section C: Epistemology and Metaphysics**

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**EITHER**

**0 5** Assess the view that knowledge is the same thing as justified true belief. *(50 marks)*

**OR**

**0 6** Assess the claim that there can be no knowledge of what lies beyond sense experience. *(50 marks)*

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**Section D: Moral Philosophy**

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**EITHER**

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 Evaluate the claim that moral values cannot be derived from facts. *(50 marks)***OR**

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 'Always act so as to produce the greatest happiness for the greatest number.'  
Using a practical moral problem of your choice, discuss whether utilitarianism provides an effective guide to action. *(50 marks)*

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**Section E: Philosophy of Religion**

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**EITHER**

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 'Why is there something rather than nothing?'  
Assess whether the existence of the universe requires God as a first cause. *(50 marks)***OR**

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 Assess whether belief in miracles is rational. *(50 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**

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