



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2013

Philosophy

PHIL1

Unit 1 An Introduction to Philosophy 1

Wednesday 9 January 2013 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 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.

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 *a priori* and *a posteriori* knowledge. (15 marks)

0 | 2 How convincing is the claim that at birth the mind is a *tabula rasa*? (30 marks)

Theme 2: Why should I be governed?

0 | 3 Outline and illustrate **two** reasons which may justify political dissent. (15 marks)

0 | 4 'It is in our interests to be politically organised in a State otherwise we would not have consented to it.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Theme 3: Why should I be moral?

0 | 5 Outline and illustrate the view that a contractual approach to morality fails adequately to account for our moral interests or obligations. (15 marks)

0 | 6 Assess the view that self-interest can be realised only in the context of a virtuous life. (30 marks)

Theme 4: The idea of God

0 | 7 Explain and illustrate **one** version of the ontological argument. (15 marks)

0 | 8 'It is difficult to make sense of the idea of God.' Discuss. (30 marks)

Theme 5: Persons

0 | 9 Outline and illustrate an argument in support of the claim that the concept of a person is logically primitive or basic. (15 marks)

1 | 0 Assess the implications of the view that being a person is a matter of degree. (30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS