



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2014

Philosophy

PHIL4

Unit 4 Philosophical Problems

Friday 6 June 2014 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-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 **Paper Reference** is PHIL4.
- Answer questions from **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 that 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.

Section A: Hume

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

- 0 1** Outline and illustrate Hume's distinction between relations of ideas and matters of fact. **[15 marks]**

And either

- 0 2** Assess Hume's analysis of the concept of 'necessary connection' and how we acquire it. **[45 marks]**

or

- 0 3** 'Hume's account of ideas as copies naturally coming together in the mind fails to explain thinking and the acquisition of knowledge.' Assess this claim. **[45 marks]**
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Section B: Plato

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

- 0 4** Outline the simile of the large and powerful animal (beast) and **one** of its purposes. **[15 marks]**

And either

- 0 5** Assess whether Plato's ideal republic would be perfect. **[45 marks]**

or

- 0 6** 'Plato fails to justify his claim that the world of sense experience is merely appearance and not reality.' Assess this claim. **[45 marks]**

Section C: Mill

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

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Outline and illustrate Mill's concerns regarding the emergence of a tyranny of the majority.

[15 marks]**And either****0 8**

Assess whether Mill was right to emphasise the importance of free speech to a free society.

[45 marks]**or****0 9**

'Experiments in living are vital to human freedom, progress and development and Mill was fully justified in defending them.' Assess this claim.

[45 marks]

Section D: Descartes

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

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Explain and illustrate the method of doubt and indicate its positive conclusion.

[15 marks]**And either****1 1**

Assess whether Descartes succeeds in establishing the certainty of God's existence.

[45 marks]**or****1 2**

'Descartes was wrong to claim that mind and body were separate and distinct substances. His arguments fail and he is left with an insoluble problem.' Assess this claim.

[45 marks]**Turn over for Section E****Turn over ▶**

Section E: Nietzsche

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

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 Explain what Nietzsche means by the sceptic, the critic and the new philosopher. **[15 marks]**

And either

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 Assess Nietzsche's account of past philosophy and how philosophy should proceed. **[45 marks]**

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 'Nietzsche's account of religious belief in terms of sacrifice, protection and the production of mediocrity is narrow and confused.' Assess this claim. **[45 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS