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NATIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS
2015

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE
9.00 AM – 11.00 AM

PHILOSOPHY
INTERMEDIATE 2

Candidates should answer:

Section 1—all parts of Question 1

Section 2—**Either** all parts of Question 2
OR all parts of Question 3

Section 3—Question 4 and
Either all parts of Question 5
OR all parts of Question 6

Section 4—Question 7



Candidates must answer all parts of this question.

1. (a) The following list contains both arguments and statements. Write down the **three** numbers that identify the **arguments**.
- (1) I hate French! The teacher is really, really strict!
 - (2) I don't want to go to PE! I am always picked last for teams!
 - (3) I won't do well in my driving test because I haven't revised.
 - (4) In order to lose weight you must do exercise so PE must be good for you.
 - (5) Bananas are horrible.
 - (6) Charlie is a monkey and because all mammals are monkeys—Charlie must be one too.
 - (7) No one wants to speak to him—Why?
 - (8) In order to get an A you will have to work hard for your exam. 3 KU
- (b) Read the following argument.
- “I want to pass my exam. So I have to work hard and revise. Revision will help me learn.”**
- (i) State the **two** premises in this argument.
 - (ii) State the conclusion of this argument. 3 AE
- (c) Give an example of “attacking the person” and explain why this is an unreliable form of reasoning in an argument. 3 KU
1 AE
- (10)**

Candidates must answer EITHER all parts of Question 2 OR all parts of Question 3.

EITHER

2. God

P1: Everything in the world of sense has a cause.
 P2: Nothing is its own cause.
 P3: A chain of causes cannot be infinite.
P4: There must be a first uncaused cause.
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| (a) Name the incomplete argument in the extract above. | 1 KU |
| (b) What is the missing conclusion in the argument above? | 1 KU |
| (c) Explain what is meant by an infinite regress of causes. | 2 KU |
| (d) How successful is this argument in proving the existence of God? | 2 KU
4 AE |
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OR

3. Free will

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| (a) Why do Hard Determinists claim that free will is an illusion? | 3 KU |
| (b) Why do Libertarians claim that we are free? | 3 KU |
| (c) Why do Compatibilists disagree with both Hard Determinists and Libertarians? | 4 AE |
| | (10) |

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SECTION 3—EPISTEMOLOGY

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Candidates must answer Question 4 and EITHER all parts of Question 5 OR all parts of Question 6.

4. Epistemology

- (a) Describe **two** philosophical attempts to justify knowledge claims. 3 KU
- (b) State **one** problem with each of these attempts. 2 AE

EITHER

(5)

5. Descartes

- (a) What is meant by “Clear and Distinct” perception? Give **two** examples in your answer. 4 KU
- (b) Describe the “Trademark” argument for the existence of God. 5 KU
- (c) Explain some of the problems associated with Descartes’ use of God. 6 AE

OR

(15)

6. Hume

- (a) What **two** types of knowledge are distinguished in “Hume’s Fork”? Give an example of each in your answer. 4 KU
- (b) What is the purpose of “Hume’s Fork”? 3 KU
- (c) How well does Hume support the case for Empiricism over Rationalism? 2 KU

6 AE

(15)

SECTION 4—MORAL PHILOSOPHY

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Candidates must answer this question.

7. Normative Ethics

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| (a) How does a Kantian decide if an action is morally acceptable? | 6 | KU |
| (b) How might a Utilitarian decide if an action is morally acceptable? | 6 | KU |
| (c) Which theory, Kantianism or Utilitarianism, is the more convincing?
Give reasons for your answer. | 8 | AE |
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