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QUALIFICATIONS  
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THURSDAY, 30 MAY  
1.00 PM – 3.00 PM

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) Nobody thinks she is pretty — Why, when she is clearly attractive?
  - (2) What is your favourite colour?
  - (3) Because Philosophy is difficult I will have to study hard.
  - (4) Fish have tails, therefore they can swim.
  - (5) I went to bed late and am tired so I probably won't do well in my test.
  - (6) This toast is burnt because you left it cooking too long.
  - (7) My legs are sore from doing too much PE.
  - (8) Shut the door! It is really cold in here! 3 KU
- (b) Read the following argument.
- “You can't afford to buy those jeans. If you had more money you could afford to buy them, but you don't have the money.”**
- Rewrite this argument in Standard Form — showing the premises and conclusion 3 AE
- (c) Explain why an illegitimate appeal to authority is an unreliable form of reasoning. Give an example in your answer. 3 KU  
1 AE
- (10)**

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

**EITHER****2. God**

*Everyday observations about apparent order and purpose in the world may lead us to conclude that this could never be the result of an accident.*

- (a) Give an example of an object which displays apparent order and purpose. **1 KU**
- (b) Describe the argument for the existence of God referred to in the extract above. **5 KU**
- (c) Do you agree that order and purpose are evidence of God's existence? Give reasons for your answer. **4 AE**

**(10)****OR****3. Free will**

- (a) What is Hard Determinism? **3 KU**
- (b) What is the difference between Hard Determinism and Compatibilism? **3 KU**
- (c) Explain two criticisms of Hard Determinism. **4 AE**

**(10)****[Turn over**

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

**4. Epistemology**

- (a) What do rationalists believe about knowledge? 3 KU
- (b) Explain one problem associated with Rationalism. 2 AE

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**EITHER**

**5. Descartes**

*Yesterday's meditation has thrown me into such doubts that I can no longer ignore them, yet I fail to see how they are to be resolved. It is as if I had suddenly fallen into a deep whirlpool; I am so tossed about that I can neither touch bottom with my foot, nor swim up to the top.*

Descartes—Meditation 2

- (a) What are the doubts that Descartes can no longer ignore? 7 KU
- (b) What is the cogito? 2 KU
- (c) How successful is the cogito in providing Descartes with the answers he is looking for? 6 AE

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**OR**

**6. Hume**

- (a) According to Hume, if I am thinking about the Loch Ness Monster am I having an impression or an idea? Explain your answer. 2 KU  
1 AE
- (b) According to Hume, how is it possible to imagine the Loch Ness Monster if it doesn't exist and I haven't seen a picture of it? 2 KU  
1 AE
- (c) Describe the example of the Missing Shade of Blue, and explain how Hume thinks it is possible to imagine the missing shade. 5 KU
- (d) Is the Missing Shade of Blue a problem for Hume's theory of impressions and ideas? Explain your answer. 4 AE

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**Candidates must answer this question.**

**7. Normative Ethics**

*You are in a shop and have an opportunity to steal a DVD. You know that your mother would be delighted to get this DVD for her birthday but you are not sure what to do.*

Explain how Kantians and Utilitarians would advise you to deal with this situation.

**12 KU**  
**8 AE**

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