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Question 1 — Arguments in Action

(a) What is an argument in philosophy?

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(b) Add the missing premises or conclusions to form valid arguments.

(i) Premise 1 All fruits are edible.
 Premise 2 An apple is a fruit.
 Conclusion

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(ii) Premise 1 If I am in Glasgow, I am in Scotland.
 Premise 2
 Conclusion Therefore, I am in Scotland.

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(c) The following is an everyday argument. Write down the premises and conclusion in standard form.

James is telling a lie. When people tell a lie they blush. Look at his face - he's blushing.

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Question 1 (continued)

(d) Read the argument below.

You claim that the boy did not steal the goods but why should anyone listen to you? Your father was caught speeding on the motorway.

What is the informal fallacy in the above argument?

Explain this fallacy with reference to the above argument.

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Question 2 — Knowledge and Doubt

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(a) What is meant by the term “sceptic”?

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(b) Describe **one** sceptical argument you have studied.

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Question 2 (continued)

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- (c) Descartes aimed to find a certain foundation for knowledge.
Explain why Descartes thought the Cogito gave him that foundation.

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(d) "Descartes' Cogito has no weaknesses."

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.

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Question 2 (continued)

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- (e) Explain **one** reason why Hume believed that we do not have any innate ideas.

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Question 3 — Moral Philosophy

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(a) State the meaning of the term “consequentialism”.

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(b) (i) What is Rule Utilitarianism?

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(ii) Describe **one** weakness of Rule Utilitarianism.

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