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Question 1 – Arguments in Action

(a) (i) Give **one** example of a statement. 1

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(ii) Give **one** example of an argument. 1

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(iii) Explain **two** differences between statements and arguments. 2

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(b) (i) What is a hidden premise? 1

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Question 1 (b) (continued)

(ii) Read the argument below.

The factory pollutes the environment.  
Therefore we should close it down.

Suggest a possible hidden premise in the argument.

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(c) (i) What is a slippery slope fallacy?

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Question 1 (c) (continued)

(ii) Read the argument below.

**We should not allow voluntary euthanasia. If we allow it, before we know it everyone over the age of 75 will be killed off.**

Explain the slippery slope fallacy in the argument.

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Question 2 – Knowledge and Doubt

- (a) Descartes has a number of aims in his search for knowledge.

State three of these.

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- (b) Why does Descartes say we should not trust our senses?

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Question 2 (continued)

(c) Describe Descartes' dream argument.

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## Question 2 (continued)

- (d) What role does the evil genius play in helping Descartes achieve his aims? 4

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**Question 2 (continued)**

(e) Why does Descartes consider his Cogito to be beyond doubt?

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## Question 2 (continued)

(f) Evaluate Descartes' Cogito.

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**Question 3 – Moral Philosophy**

- (a) (i) Why did Mill develop his distinction between higher and lower pleasures?

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- (ii) Explain Mill's distinction between higher and lower pleasures. Give examples to support your answer.

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Question 3 (a) (continued)

(iii) State **two** criticisms of Mill's higher and lower pleasures.

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**Question 3 (continued)**

You have studied a moral theory other than **Utilitarianism**.

(b) Name your chosen **theory** and describe its main features.

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Question 3 (continued)

(c) Explain **three** common criticisms of the other moral theory.

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Question 3 (continued)

- (d) What might the **other moral theory** advise you to do if your friend asked you to lie for them?

Give a reason for your answer.

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