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NATIONAL
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**

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

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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