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Philosophy

Duration — 2 hours 20 minutes



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Total marks — 80

SECTION 1 — ARGUMENTS IN ACTION — 20 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

SECTION 2 — KNOWLEDGE AND DOUBT — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

SECTION 3 — MORAL PHILOSOPHY — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

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SECTION 1 — ARGUMENTS IN ACTION — 20 marks

Attempt ALL questions

1. (a) (i) State a key feature of a statement. 1

- (ii) Give an example of a statement. 1

- (b) (i) State a key feature of an argument. 1

- (ii) Give an example of an argument. 1



1. (continued)

(c) Read the following.

I drive as fast as I like in my new car. I love the exciting experience.

Explain why the above **does not** contain an argument.

Give **two** reasons for your answer.

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(d) The following list contains valid and invalid arguments.

Tick (✓) the **four** valid arguments.

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- My rabbit has an infestation of fleas. All fleas are bacteria so my rabbit has an infestation of bacteria.
- All polar bears have white fur. Bella has white fur so Bella must be a polar bear.
- Elaine has two sweets and Jennifer has three sweets. So they have five sweets altogether.
- My friend owns a pet. Siamese cats are pets so my friend has a Siamese cat.
- Bob is taller than Alfie. Alfie is taller than Joe. So Joe is shorter than Bob.
- If it's snowing the streets are slippery. The streets are slippery so it must be snowing.
- If you are a politician you want to be famous. Susan is a politician therefore Susan wants to be famous.
- Every winter it has snowed in Aviemore. So there is bound to be snow in Aviemore this winter.



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1. (continued)

- (e) Identify the premise and conclusion in the following argument.

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Dogs are good for your health. Research has shown that dog owners are less likely to suffer from high blood pressure than people who don't have a dog. Get healthy! Get a dog!

- (f) In an exam, candidates were asked to put the argument in the following passage into **standard form**.

Lynne wants to lessen damage to the environment. Travelling by plane is causing serious damage to the environment. So she should cancel her flight to New York.

Here is the answer one candidate gave.

'Lynne wants to lessen damage to the environment. So she should cancel her flight to New York.'

State **three** mistakes the candidate has made.

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1. (continued)

(g) Explain what a fallacy is.

1

(h) (i) Explain the fallacy of the false dilemma.

2

(ii) Give an example of a false dilemma.

1

(i) Identify the fallacy in the following argument.

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He advised us not to drink alcohol because it is bad for your health but I saw him drinking alcohol last week so I won't listen to his advice.



2. (continued)

(c) (i) According to empiricists, how do we gain knowledge?

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(ii) Describe Locke's view on innate ideas.

You must refer to Locke's blank sheet of paper in your answer.

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2. (continued)

(f) State Descartes' Cogito.

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SECTION 3 — MORAL PHILOSOPHY — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions

3. (a) Describe the Greatest Happiness Principle.

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(b) What is consequentialism?

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(c) What is the equity principle?

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(d) What is hedonism?

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3. (continued)

- (g) Mill introduced his distinction between higher and lower pleasures because he was unhappy with the hedonic calculus.

Why did Mill think that the hedonic calculus was not a good way of calculating happiness?

2

- (h) What does Mill mean by 'higher pleasures'?

Give an example to support your answer.

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3. (continued)

(k) You have studied Utilitarianism and one other moral theory.

Which theory do you find more convincing?

Give **one** reason for your answer.

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