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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—all parts of Question 7



SECTION 1—CRITICAL THINKING IN PHILOSOPHY

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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) If you go down to the woods today you are sure of a big surprise.
- (2) My love is like a red, red rose.
- (3) If you don't want to injure yourself when playing sport you will need to warm up properly before the game.
- (4) PE is a waste of time because you can't get a good job by studying it so we shouldn't have to do it in school.
- (5) People who listen to rock music are happier than people who listen to classical music because it helps them get rid of all their anger.
- (6) You can't step into the same river twice.
- (7) When all the snow has melted and the sun is shining higher in the sky then the birds will return and it will be Spring once more.
- (8) Birds have wings therefore they can fly.

3 KU

(b) Read the following argument.

**Because the planet is warming up and the ice caps are melting the polar bears are in danger.**

- (i) State the **two** premises in this argument.
- (ii) State the conclusion of this argument.

3 AE

(c) Why is "attacking the person" an unreliable type of argument? Give an example to support your answer.

4 KU

(10)

SECTION 2—METAPHYSICS

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

**EITHER**

**2. Is there rational basis for belief in God?**

(a) Describe the cosmological argument for the existence of God. 6 KU

(b) Discuss **two** objections to this argument. 4 AE

(10)

**OR**

**3. Do we have free will?**

(a) What do philosophers mean when they say that we are totally determined? Give **two** examples to support your answer. 6 KU

(b) Discuss **two** objections to the claim that we are totally determined. 4 AE

(10)

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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

Describe what is meant by “Rationalism”.

5 KU  
(5)

#### **EITHER**

#### 5. Descartes

*“ . . . after everything has been most carefully weighed, it must finally be established that this pronouncement “I am, I exist” is necessarily true every time I utter it or conceive it in my mind.”*

This argument is sometimes called “*The Cogito*”.

(a) What sceptical arguments has Descartes “*carefully weighed*” to arrive at *The Cogito*?

7 KU

(b) Why does Descartes believe *The Cogito* is beyond doubt?

2 AE

(c) What problems are there with *The Cogito*?

6 AE  
(15)

#### **OR**

#### 6. Hume

*“Every one will readily allow, that there is a considerable difference between the perceptions of the mind, when a man feels the pain of excessive heat, or the pleasure of moderate warmth, and when he afterwards recalls to his memory this sensation, or anticipates it by his imagination.”*

In this extract Hume is explaining the difference between “Impressions” and “Ideas”.

(a) Explain the difference between “Impressions” and “Ideas”. Use appropriate examples in your answer.

7 KU

(b) What problems have some philosophers found with Hume’s epistemology?

8 AE  
(15)

SECTION 4—MORAL PHILOSOPHY

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**Candidates must answer all parts of this question.**

**7. Normative Ethics**

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| (a) Explain the main features of Kant's Categorical Imperative. Use appropriate examples in your answer. | 12          | KU |
| (b) What difficulties are there in applying the Categorical Imperative?                                  | 8           | AE |
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