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TUESDAY, 1 JUNE
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



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) The problem with toffee is that it sticks to your teeth.
 - (2) Are you sure you want to resign? Do you want to start again in another company? Do you realise you'll be paid less money?
 - (3) If you can't get up in time then you'll miss your bus.
 - (4) Either we go to Paris or we go to Berlin.
 - (5) Cats must be carnivores because they have sharp teeth.
 - (6) The more Brazil nuts you eat, the more intelligent you become.
 - (7) Sandra is the perfect choice for the post. After all, she has the best qualifications.
 - (8) He always eats his greens so I'd say he has a very healthy diet. 3 KU
- (b) Read the following argument.
- “Either you go to university or you get a job. You'll have to go to university because you can't get a job.”**
- (i) State the conclusion of this argument. 1 KU
 - (ii) Does this conclusion follow from the premises? Give a reason for your answer. 2 AE
- (c) (i) Give an example of an illegitimate appeal to authority. 1 AE
- (ii) Explain why your example is an unreliable form of reasoning. 2 KU
- 1 AE**
- (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. God

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| (a) What is the cosmological argument? | 2 | KU |
| (b) What is the teleological argument? | 2 | KU |
| (c) Do you find these arguments convincing? Give reasons for your answer. | 2 | KU |
| | 4 | AE |
| | (10) | |

OR

3. Free will

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| (a) What is Hard Determinism? | 2 | KU |
| (b) What is Libertarianism? | 2 | KU |
| (c) Do you think these positions are convincing? Give reasons for your answer. | 2 | KU |
| | 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 philosophers mean by knowledge.

5 KU
(5)

EITHER

5. Descartes

Read the statement below then answer all parts of the question (a–c).

Several years have now passed since I first realized how numerous were the false opinions that in my youth I had taken to be true, and thus how doubtful were all those that I had subsequently built upon them.

Descartes—*Meditations on First Philosophy*

(a) Describe Descartes' method of doubt.

5 KU

(b) Why does Descartes consider the *cogito* to be beyond doubt?

2 KU

(c) What criticisms can be made of the *cogito*?

8 AE
(15)

OR

6. Hume

“All the objects of human reason or enquiry may naturally be divided into two kinds, to wit, Relations of Ideas and Matters of Fact.”

(a) What is the term used to describe this distinction?

2 KU

(b) What is meant by “Matters of Fact” and “Relations of Ideas”?

Support your answer with appropriate examples.

4 KU
2 AE

(c) Explain why Hume is called an empiricist.

2 KU
5 AE
(15)

SECTION 4—MORAL PHILOSOPHY

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Candidates must answer this question.

7. Normative Ethics

You work in a shop and your brother has asked you to steal a DVD for him. Discuss how Kantians and Utilitarians would advise you about this situation.

12 KU
8 AE
(20)

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