

# X268/201

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TUESDAY, 24 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



SECTION 1—CRITICAL THINKING IN PHILOSOPHY

Marks Code

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) Today is not Wednesday and it is not Friday. It is Saturday.
- (2) I will probably not do very well because I am tired.
- (3) If it is Tuesday then the train will arrive at ten o'clock.
- (4) She is smaller than you. Therefore, you shouldn't hit her.
- (5) Nobody likes him. Why is that?
- (6) I had fish for dinner today and it tasted better than your lamb.
- (7) Those biscuits were a little overcooked.
- (8) You got 100% in the prelim so you should pass the final exam.

3 KU

(b) Read the following argument.

**“Of course Heather speaks Gaelic because everyone who lives in Scotland speaks Gaelic and Heather lives in Scotland.”**

- (i) What is the conclusion in this argument?
- (ii) Is this a valid argument? Give a reason for your answer.
- (iii) Is this a sound argument? Give a reason for your answer.

1 KU

2 AE

2 AE

(c) What is a false dilemma? Support your answer with an appropriate example.

2 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. God**

- (a) Describe the cosmological argument for the existence of God. 6 KU
- (b) Explain **two** criticisms that can be made of this argument. 4 AE  
(10)

**OR**

**3. Free will**

- (a) What is determinism? 2 KU
- (b) Explain **two** arguments for determinism. 4 KU
- (c) Is determinism compatible with human freedom? 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

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|--|-----|----|
| (a) What is Rationalism?   | 1   | KU |
| (b) What is Empiricism?  | 1   | KU |
| (c) Which do you find more convincing? Give reasons for your answer. | 1   | KU |
|  | 2   | AE |
|  | (5) |    |

#### EITHER

#### 5. Descartes

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| (a) Explain the dream argument in Meditation One.                    | 4    | KU |
| (b) What beliefs survive the dream argument?                         | 3    | KU |
| (c) Why does Descartes think that even these beliefs can be doubted? | 2    | AE |
| (d) What is the <i>cogito</i> ?                                      | 2    | KU |
| (e) Do you think the <i>cogito</i> is beyond doubt?                  | 4    | AE |
|  | (15) |    |

#### OR

#### 6. Hume

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|--|------|----|
| (a) What does Hume mean by an impression? Give an example to support your answer.  | 2    | KU |
| (b) What does Hume mean by an idea? Give an example to support your answer.  | 2    | KU |
| (c) According to Hume, how is it possible to imagine something we have never seen? Give examples to support your answer. | 5    | KU |
| (d) Do you think Hume is correct in saying that all ideas are based on impressions?                                      | 6    | AE |
|  | (15) |    |

SECTION 4—MORAL PHILOSOPHY

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Candidates must answer this question.

7. Normative Ethics

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| (a) In Kantian ethics what is the difference between a hypothetical imperative and a categorical imperative? Give an example of each to support your answer. | 4    | KU |
| (b) State <b>two</b> formulations of Kant's categorical imperative.  | 4    | KU |
| (c) Why does Kant disagree with utilitarianism?  | 2    | KU |
|  | 2    | AE |
| (d) Discuss Kant's claim that we should never tell a lie.  | 2    | KU |
|  | 6    | AE |
|  | (20) |    |

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