



# Victorian Certificate of Education

## 2009

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### STUDENT NUMBER

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# PHILOSOPHY

## Written examination

Monday 16 November 2009

Reading time: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm (15 minutes)

Writing time: 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm (2 hours)

### QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

#### Structure of book

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
A	4	4	15
B	3	3	15
C	4	4	15
D	3	1	15
			Total 60

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

#### Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 11 pages.

#### Instructions

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- All written responses must be in English.

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**SECTION A**

**Instructions for Section A**  
Answer **all** four questions.

**Question 1**

How useful is Aristotle’s Mean for helping us to live a virtuous life? Justify your response.

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3 marks

**Question 2**

Callicles claims that we only have to look at nature to find evidence that it is **right** for better people to have a greater share than worse people, and for more capable people to have more than less capable people.

Critically evaluate this claim, with some reference to Socrates’ response.

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4 marks









**Question 3**

Briefly describe Kuhn's theory of crisis, using **one** of his examples.

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3 marks

**Question 4**

How strong, in your view, is the relationship between science and knowledge? Justify your response.

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4 marks

Total 15 marks









