PHILOSOPHY

Written examination

Thursday 15 November 2018

Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)
Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

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• 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 correction fluid/tape.
• No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied
• Question and answer book of 20 pages
• Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer.

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

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Question 1 (3 marks)
In his ‘Sixth Meditation’, Descartes argues that it is certain that he can exist without his body.
State the premises of his argument.

Question 2 (2 marks)
Use an example to explain one of Armstrong’s objections to behaviourism.
Question 3 (5 marks)

a. Outline an argument used by Hume to support his sceptical view of personal identity. 3 marks

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b. Outline one objection that could be made to Hume’s sceptical view of personal identity. 2 marks

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Question 4 (5 marks)

a. Briefly state one viewpoint that Aristotle expresses on the role of pleasure in the good life. 1 mark

b. Explain how Socrates might respond to Aristotle’s viewpoint stated in part a. 2 marks

c. Explain how Callicles might respond to Aristotle’s viewpoint stated in part a. 2 marks
Question 5 (5 marks)

a. Nietzsche offers a single objection to ‘hedonism or pessimism or utilitarianism or eudaemonism’.

Briefly state this objection.  

b. To what extent is the objection stated in part a. a fair criticism of Singer’s argument in ‘Famine, Affluence, and Morality’?
Question 1 (10 marks)

To what extent does the advice in the image above make sense for Armstrong and Socrates? Would either of them be right? Why or why not?

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Question 2 (10 marks)
Critically compare the views of Nagasena and Locke on the self and its relationship to moral responsibility. In your response, make reference to at least one of Nagasena’s thought experiments.
Question 1 (20 marks)

In the cartoon above, is anyone living the good life? In your response, draw on philosophical sources, including at least one of the following: Plato’s *Gorgias*, Aristotle, Nietzsche, Singer.

OR

Question 2 (20 marks)

‘We have very few real needs, but our wants are destroying us.’

Do you agree? In your response, draw on relevant philosophical sources, including at least one of the following: Plato’s *Gorgias*, Aristotle, Nietzsche, Singer.

OR

Question 3 (20 marks)

‘No need to worry: technology will save us.’

Do you agree with what this statement suggests about technology and the good life? In your response, draw on relevant philosophical sources, including at least one of the following: Plato’s *Gorgias*, Aristotle, Nietzsche, Singer.
Extra space for responses

Clearly number all responses in this space.
An answer book is available from the supervisor if you need extra paper to complete an answer. Please ensure you write your student number in the space provided on the front cover of the answer book. At the end of the examination, place the answer book inside the front cover of this question and answer book.