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PHILOSOPHY

Written examination

Monday 17 November 2008

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

Structure of book

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
A	4	4	15
В	3	3	15
C	3	3	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

Question 1	
According to Socrates, 'the worst thing for a criminal is to commit crimes'. Why does he thinlagree with him?	this? Do you
	4 marks
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Question 2	
Explain Aristotle's view that virtue is a kind of mean. Give one of his examples.	
	3 marks

Question 3	
Is morality an expression of obedience? Give reasons for your response	onse.
	4 marks
Question 4	
Could the contemplation of beauty be the starting point for 'the goo	d life'? Give reasons for your response
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Total 15 marks

SECTION B

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Like the girl in the cartoon, we may have strong opinions about who or what is good. But can we be sure we are right? Justify your answer.						

Question 2	
There is a view that good people are those who seek pleasure (their own and/or others') as their ultimate goal you agree with this view? In your answer, critically compare views expressed in at least two of the set ten	
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Question 3	
What relevance do issues raised in the VCE Philosophy texts have to today's debates about how we sh live? Consider at least two issues and at least two of the set texts.	ould

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5 marks

Total 15 marks

SECTION C

Question 1 Outline and evaluate Descartes' argument for the certainty of his existence.
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Question 2 Outline and evaluate Armstrong's claim that science is the best means of deciding 'the nature of man'.

4 marks

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1	ritically discuss one of these two important issues.
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Concerning the nature of the mind, Armstrong agrees with the Behaviourists against Descartes on one important

1 + 1 + 4 = 6 marks

Total 15 marks

SECTION D

Write an essay on **one** of the following topics.

Question 1

'Knowledge is connected with the truth of things. It is also distinct from belief.' Discuss the merits of these claims.

OR

Question 2

'What we call Knowledge is little more than a set of beliefs waiting to be proven wrong or overthrown by a new set of beliefs.' Discuss with reference to at least **two** of the following: Plato, Popper and Kuhn.

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D	oes science	provide truth?	Discuss with	n reference to	at least two o	of the follow	ing: Plato.	Popper and	Kuhn
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Question 1, 2 or 3		

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