

**Victorian Certificate of Education
2016**

SUPERVISOR TO ATTACH PROCESSING LABEL HERE

STUDENT NUMBER Letter

PHILOSOPHY
Written examination

Wednesday 2 November 2016

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	20
B	2	2	20
C	3	1	20
			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 correction fluid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 16 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.

Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any other unauthorised electronic devices into the examination room.

SECTION A

Instructions for Section A
Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1 (5 marks)

In *Phaedo*, Simmias uses the analogy of a lyre to argue against Socrates’s claim that the soul, unlike the body, is immortal.

- a.** Outline this argument. 2 marks

- b.** Evaluate this argument. 3 marks

Question 4 (3 marks)

Why does Nietzsche see the attitude of the 'herd man' as an obstacle to the good life?

SECTION C**Instructions for Section C**

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

Question 1 (20 marks)

‘It is unjust that technology benefits only the affluent minority of the world’s people.’

Critically respond to this point of view. In your response, draw on relevant philosophical sources, including at least **one** of the following: Plato’s *Gorgias*, Aristotle, Nietzsche, Singer.

OR

Question 2 (20 marks)

‘The purpose of our lives, and therefore the means to our happiness, is to reduce the suffering of others.’

Critically respond to this point of view. 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)

‘Consumer culture serves the most self-interested parts of human nature and therefore makes us all worse off.’

Critically respond to this point of view. In your response, draw on relevant philosophical sources, including at least **one** of the following: Plato’s *Gorgias*, Aristotle, Nietzsche, Singer.

