

**GCE**  
**AS and A Level**

# **Philosophy**

**AS exams 2009 onwards**  
**A2 exams 2010 onwards**

## **Unit 2:** **Specimen question paper**

**Version 1.1**



General Certificate of Education  
Specimen Paper  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination

**PHILOSOPHY**  
**Unit 2 An Introduction to Philosophy 2**

**PHIL2**



Specimen Paper

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8–page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is PHIL2.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for part questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Answer **two** questions.

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**Theme: Knowledge of the external world**

- 1 (a) Explain and illustrate **two** weaknesses of Idealism. (15 marks)
- (b) 'How things appear to me is only my representation of the way the world is.' Discuss. (30 marks)

**Theme: Tolerance**

- 2 (a) Explain one argument **for** and one **against** the view that tolerant societies should be nurtured. (15 marks)
- (b) Consider the claim that we should tolerate views and ways of life that differ from those of the majority. (30 marks)

**Theme: The value of art**

- 3 (a) Explain and illustrate **two** strengths of the view that we value art because of its formal qualities. (15 marks)
- (b) Discuss the view that the value of art is its capacity to imitate or represent our experience. (30 marks)

**Theme: God and the world**

- 4 (a) Explain and illustrate **two** criticisms of the claim that the Universe shows design. (15 marks)
- (b) 'God allows suffering in order to develop our souls.' How convincing is this approach to the problem of evil? (30 marks)

**Theme: Free will and determinism**

- 5 (a) Explain and illustrate what is meant by 'determinism'. (15 marks)
- (b) To what extent are determinism and morality compatible? (30 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**