

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

ADVANCED MATRICULATION LEVEL 2021 SECOND SESSION

SUBJECT:	Philosophy
PAPER NUMBER:	I
DATE:	4 th October 2021
TIME:	4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

This examination paper has **TWO** sections. Answer **BOTH** Section A and Section B. Section A carries 30 marks and Section B carries 70 marks. Follow the instructions given in each section.

SECTION A: LOGIC AND REASONING

Answer any THREE questions	from Section A. Eac	ch question carrie	s 10 marks.
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- 1. a) Define the term 'fallacy' in the language of logic. (2)b) Explain the difference between the error in reasoning of the logical fallacies:
 (i) Appeal to Pity and (ii) Appeal to Force. (4)
 - c) Give the logical structure of the fallacy 'Argument from Ignorance' and explain the error in reasoning. (4)

(Total: 10 marks)

- 2. a) Explain what is meant by (i) an interpretation of a formula and (ii) a model of a formula. (4)
 - b) Work out whether the following implications are valid. Give reasons for your answer.

i.
$$(\neg c \land b) \rightarrow \neg a < (a \land b) \rightarrow c$$
 (2)

ii.
$$\neg a \land \neg b \rightarrow \neg c < c \rightarrow a \land b$$
 (2)

- c) Fill-in the blanks:
 - i. In a _______ b, if both a and b are true, then the conclusion is false. (1)
 ii. In a ______ b, if both a and b are true or if both a and b are false, then the conclusion is true. (1)
 (Total: 10 marks)

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- 3. a) Explain what is meant by saying that a proposition is tautological.
 - b) Work out the truth-tables of the following propositions and identify which of these are logically equivalent:
 - i. $a \rightarrow (b \land c)$
 - ii. (b \wedge c) \rightarrow a

iii.
$$(a \rightarrow b) \land (a \rightarrow c)$$

iv.
$$(a \land c) \rightarrow b$$
 (5)

c) "Mary's dog barks.

John's dog barks.

Mark's dog barks.

Therefore all dogs bark."

- i. What type of argument is the above? (1)
- ii. Do the true premisses in this argument guarantee the truth of the conclusion? Give reasons for your answer. (2)

(Total: 10 marks)

(2)

- 4. a) With the help of an example, explain whether the implication relation is symmetric. (2)
 - b) Translate symbolically. Use the same letter for **each** proposition.
 - i. It is not the case that, if Kate is not at work, then she is watching TV or she is cooking. (1)
 - ii. If Kate is not at work, then she is either cooking or watching TV. (1)
 - iii. Kate is watching TV only if she is not at work and she is not cooking. (1)
 - iv. If Kate is cooking and watching TV, then she is not at work. (1)
 - c) X and Y are formulae (containing precisely a and b as primary formulae) such that X and $X \rightarrow Y$ have the following truth-tables:

а	b	Χ	$X \rightarrow Y$
Т	Т	F	Т
Т	F	Т	F
F	Т	F	Т
F	F	Т	F

Y has then one of four truth-tables. Write down these four truth-tables. (4)

(Total: 10 marks)

SECTION B: ETHICS AND SOCIETY

Answer any TWO questions from this Section. Each question carries 35 marks.

- 5. With reference to Jean-Paul Sartre's Existential philosophy, discuss the relation between radical freedom and the creation of Value.
- 6. Does the end justify the means? Discuss this question in light of Utilitarian and Kantian ethics.
- 7. Give a philosophical account of what is meant by a new morality beyond good and evil in the philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche.
- 8. In what ways is the moral philosophy of Protagoras and Gorgias different from Socrates' philosophy?



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SUBJECT: Philosophy

PAPER NUMBER: II

DATE: 5th October 2021 TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

The examination has **TWO** sections. Answer **BOTH** Section A and Section B. Section A carries 30 marks and Section B carries 70 marks. Follow the instructions given in each section.

SECTION A: KEY QUESTIONS IN EUROPEAN THOUGHT

Compulsory Question

Answer Question 1. The question carries 30 marks.

1. "I have convinced myself that there is absolutely nothing in the world, no sky, no earth, no minds, no bodies. Does it now follow that I too do not exist? No: if I convinced myself of something then I certainly existed. But there is a deceiver of supreme power and cunning who is deliberately and constantly deceiving me. In that case I too undoubtedly exist, if he is deceiving me; and let him deceive me as much as he can, he will never bring it about that I am nothing so long as I think that I am something. So after considering everything very thoroughly, I must finally conclude that this proposition, I am, I exist, is necessarily true whenever it is put forward by me or conceived in my mind."

(From: René Descartes, Meditations on First Philosophy, Second Meditation)

- a) Descartes argued that the mind and the body are separate. What is this philosophical position known as? (2)
- b) Discuss **TWO** arguments that Descartes proposes to doubt his senses. (8)
- c) What does Descartes mean by res cogitans and res extensa? (6)
- d) What is the purpose of the cogito argument in Descartes' Meditations? (6)
- e) Does John Locke's view of the mind as *tabula rasa* differ from Descartes' rationalism? If so, how?

(Total: 30 marks)

SECTION B

Choose any TWO questions. Each question carries 35 marks.

- 2. How does Plato's Allegory of the Cave explain his metaphysical and epistemological views?
- 3. Compare and contrast the views of **TWO** philosophers on evil.
- 4. Discuss Jean-Jacques Rousseau's ideas on how social institutions corrupt human nature.
- 5. Is the meaning of a word determined by nature or by convention? Discuss in relation to different views presented on this matter in the philosophy of language.
- 6. What is the 'absurd' according to Albert Camus?

(Total: 70 marks)