

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

INTERMEDIATE MATRICULATION LEVEL 2022 FIRST SESSION

SUBJECT:	Philosophy
DATE:	29th April 2022

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:05 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 instructions given in each Section.

SECTION A: LOGIC AND REASONING

Answer any THI	REE questions	from Section A	. Each question	carries 10) marks.
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L.	a) Define the term "fallacy" in the language of logic.	(2)
	b) Identify the following logical fallacy and briefly explain the error in reasoning:	
	"George is in favour of increasing restrictions on hunting. But George is not a vegeta so his views cannot be taken seriously."	arian (4)
	c) Give the logical structure of the logical fallacy identified in (1b).	(2)
	d) Provide, in your own words, another example of the logical fallacy identified in (1b).	(2)
	(Total: 10 ma	rks)
2.	a) Explain what is meant by a "tautology" in logic.	(2)
	b) With the help of an example, explain what the bi-subjunctor (\leftrightarrow) is and state conditions under which it is true.	the (2)
	c) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate logical symbol: i. In a b, if both a and b are true, then the conclusion is false. ii. In a b, the conclusion is only true if both a and b are true. iii. In a b, if a is true and b is false, then the conclusion is false.	(3)
	d) Work out the truth table of the following proposition:	(3)
	$(a \rightarrow b) \land (b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow b)$ (Total: 10 ma	rks)

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3. a) Fill in:

i. _____ ><
$$(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)$$
 (Self-distribution of \rightarrow) (1)

- b) Explain what is meant by the rules of inference Modus Ponens and Modus Tollens. Provide an example for **each**. (4)
- c) Check by means of a truth-table whether the following implication is valid:

$$(a \lor b) \lor c < a \lor (b \lor c)$$

(Total: 10 marks)

- 4. a) Translate symbolically, using the same letter for each proposition:
 - i. If Tom and Kate work late, then Harry will not call in sick.
 - ii. It is not the case that both Tom and Kate will work late.
 - iii. Tom will work late if and only if Kate works late and Harry calls in sick.
 - iv. Only one of Tom or Kate will work late, and Harry will not call in sick. (4)
 - b) By the use of a truth-table, work out the following, state whether they are valid and give a reason for your answer.

i.
$$a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c) > < (a \land b) \rightarrow c$$
 (3)

ii.
$$(a \lor b) \rightarrow c < (b \rightarrow c)$$
 (3)

(Total: 10 marks)

SECTION B: ETHICS AND SOCIETY

Answer QUESTION 5 and any other question from this Section. Each question carries 35 marks.

- 5. Discuss the differences in the theoretical frameworks proposed by Kantianism and Utilitarianism in their ethics.
- 6. Discuss the notions of mercy and harm in relation to euthanasia and physician assisted suicide.
- 7. Discuss the moral relativism and moral nihilism in Sophist philosophy, and show how Socrates argued against these positions.
- 8. What does Nietzsche mean by the crisis of morality, and how does he respond to it?

(Total: 70 marks)