

Advance information June 2022

A-level Philosophy 7172

Version 1.1

Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for A-level Philosophy 7172.

Information

- This advance information covers all examined components.
- There are no restrictions on who can use this advance information.
- This advance information is meant to support final teaching and revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this advance information into the examination.

Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information.
- For each paper the list shows the major focus of the content of the exam.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Due to the synoptic nature of the assessments the information provided below is to assist in providing the main content focus. Students will be expected to draw on knowledge, skills and understanding from across the specification when responding to synoptic questions.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still cover the entire subject content in the specification.

Focus of the June 2022 exam

Paper 1:

3.1 Epistemology

3.1.1 What is knowledge?

- The tripartite view

3.1.2 Perception as a source of knowledge

- Direct realism
- Indirect realism

3.1.3 Reason as a source of knowledge

- The intuition and deduction thesis

3.2 Moral Philosophy

3.2.1 Normative ethical theories

- Utilitarianism
- Kantian deontological ethics
- Aristotelian virtue ethics

3.2.3 Meta-ethics

- Moral anti-realism

Paper 2:

3.3 Metaphysics of God

3.3.2 Arguments relating to the existence of God

- Ontological arguments
- Teleological/design arguments
- Cosmological arguments
- The Problem of Evil

3.3.3 Religious language.

3.4 Metaphysics of mind

3.4.2 Dualist theories

- Property dualism

3.4.3 Physicalist theories

- Philosophical behaviourism
- Eliminative materialism

3.4.4 – Functionalism

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