A-level
PHILOSOPHY
Paper 1  Epistemology and moral philosophy

Specimen Time allowed: 3 hours

Materials
You will need no other materials.

Instructions
• Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
• Answer all questions.
• You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or in the blank pages.
• Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information
• The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
• The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
• You will be assessed on your ability to:
  – use good English
  – organise information clearly
  – use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
Section A – Epistemology

Answer all questions in this section.

01 What is philosophical scepticism?

[3 marks]

02 Explain one way in which a direct realist could respond to the argument from illusion.

[5 marks]
Explain how Berkeley’s idealism differs from indirect realism.

[5 marks]
Explain how Descartes argues that we can gain *a priori* knowledge through intuition and deduction.

[12 marks]
How should propositional knowledge be defined?

[25 marks]
Section B – Moral philosophy

Answer all questions in this section.

06 Briefly explain why Aristotle thinks that pleasure is not the only good.

[3 marks]

07 Explain why emotivism is a non-cognitivist theory of ethical language.

[5 marks]
Explain the analogy drawn between virtues and skills within Aristotelian ethics.

[5 marks]
Explain how Kant’s deontological ethics can be applied to the question of whether we should ever tell lies.

[12 marks]
How convincing is utilitarianism as an account of what makes an action morally right?

[25 marks]
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