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# Philosophy Higher level Paper 1

4 May 2023

Zone A morning | Zone B afternoon | Zone C morning

2 hours 30 minutes

#### Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer one question.
- Section B: answer two questions, each chosen from a different optional theme.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [75 marks].



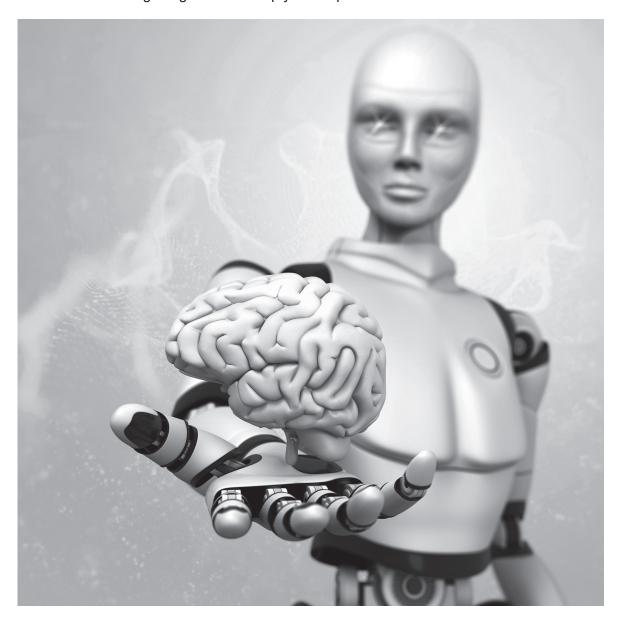
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## **Section A**

Answer one question from this section. Each question in this section is worth [25 marks].

# Core theme: Being human

1. Look at the following image and develop your response as indicated below.



With explicit reference to the stimulus and your own knowledge, discuss a philosophical issue related to the question of what it means to be human.

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2. Look at the following image and develop your response as indicated below.



With explicit reference to the stimulus and your own knowledge, discuss a philosophical issue related to the question of what it means to be human.

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#### Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section, each chosen from a different optional theme. Each question in this section is worth [25 marks].

#### **Optional theme 1: Aesthetics**

- **3.** Evaluate the claim that works of art are like flowers: we can enjoy them without knowing about soil, air, moisture, and seeds.
- **4.** Evaluate the claim that art is not a mirror held up to reality, but a hammer with which to shape it.

#### **Optional theme 2: Epistemology**

- **5.** Explain and discuss the role of what other people tell us in knowledge development.
- **6.** To what extent is the world as it appears?

#### **Optional theme 3: Ethics**

- **7.** To what extent could it be argued that what is best is what is right?
- **8.** Evaluate the claim that moral language has no special basis on which it can be judged to be true or not.

#### Optional theme 4: Philosophy and contemporary society

- **9.** Evaluate the claim that the power of national culture can be seen as a response to globalization.
- **10.** Evaluate the claim that fake news is a philosophical problem, and not a technical problem.

#### Optional theme 5: Philosophy of religion

- **11.** Evaluate the view that religious experience provides a motivation for belief.
- **12.** Evaluate the coherence of the characteristics and attributes of God(s).

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### Optional theme 6: Philosophy of science

- **13.** Evaluate the claim that experimentation is the central feature of science.
- 14. Evaluate the view that scientific research should be guided by ethical and social responsibility.

## Optional theme 7: Political philosophy

- **15.** Evaluate the claim that the state has authority over its citizens in a civil society.
- **16.** Evaluate the claim that promoting the rights of specific groups involves an unacceptable assault on fairness.

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