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**SECTION 1 — ARGUMENTS IN ACTION — 20 marks**

Attempt ALL questions.

**SECTION 2 — KNOWLEDGE AND DOUBT — 30 marks**

Attempt ALL questions.

**SECTION 3 — MORAL PHILOSOPHY — 30 marks**

Attempt ALL questions.

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

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SECTION 1 — ARGUMENTS IN ACTION — 20 marks

Attempt ALL questions

1. (a) The following list contains both arguments and statements.

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Tick (✓) the four arguments.

☐ He loves her and he has promised to marry her. That means he should marry her.

☐ I have never liked Max. He is friendly with some people I know and he used to go out with my best friend. But I don't like him.

☐ The cookie jar is empty because the children ate all the cookies.

☐ The standards for the Most Amazing Dog prize at the village fete are agility, loyalty, cuteness and wagginess of tail. The prize is a year's worth of luxury dog food, a top-of-the-range dog bed and a dog grooming voucher.

☐ The sewing machine needs electricity. So, because it is not plugged in, it will not work.

☐ Storm clouds are coming in this direction, so it is definitely going to rain today.

☐ I love going to the cinema with my friends. I also enjoy skate boarding and swimming but the cinema is my favourite.

☐ All horses have four legs. Cloppy is a horse. Therefore, Cloppy has four legs.



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## 1. (continued)

(b) What does it mean to put an argument in standard form?

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(c) Put the following argument into standard form.

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Eight out of ten people report having smoother and softer skin after using 'Smooth and Soft' skin cream for thirty days. Therefore, 'Smooth and Soft' skin cream actually makes skin smoother and softer. Buy it!

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## 1. (continued)

(d) Explain what a fallacy is.

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(e) Each of the following arguments contains a fallacy.

- (i) He argued that all children should be given vitamin C. But I am not listening to him because he has no children of his own!

Name the fallacy \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the fallacy \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain, with reference to the above argument, why you think it is a fallacy.

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## 1. (e) (continued)

- (ii) Either you support the bombing of Syria or you support the terrorists. So, since you don't support the bombing of Syria, you must support the terrorists.

Name the fallacy \_\_\_\_\_ 1

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Describe the fallacy \_\_\_\_\_ 1

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Explain, with reference to the above argument, why you think it is a fallacy. 1

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1. (e) (continued)

- (iii) I'm against lowering the voting age to 16. This will only lead to further demands to lower it to 14. Then it will be 12, and before we know it, 5-year-old children will be allowed to vote. That would be ridiculous! The voting age has to remain at 18.

Name the fallacy \_\_\_\_\_ 1

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Describe the fallacy \_\_\_\_\_ 1

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Explain, with reference to the above argument, why you think it is a fallacy. 1

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## 1. (continued)

- (f) If I work for two hours then I will get ten pounds. I have not worked for two hours, so I will not get ten pounds.

Explain why the argument above is invalid.

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## 2. (continued)

(b) What is the difference between 'knowing how' and 'knowing that'?

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## 2. (continued)

- (c) (i) Describe how Locke uses a blank sheet of paper to show how we acquire knowledge.

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- (ii) Describe how Leibniz uses a block of veined marble to show how we acquire knowledge.

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## 2. (continued)

(d) What was Descartes aiming to achieve in his search for knowledge?

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(e) After doubting the existence of everything, Descartes asks, 'Is it then the case that I too do not exist?'

Explain how Descartes arrives at the answer, 'I am, I exist'.

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## 2. (continued)

- (f) Explain why Descartes thinks 'I am, I exist' is a truth he knows for certain.

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- (g) Explain **two** weaknesses of Descartes' Cogito.

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## 2. (continued)

(h) How does Hume think we acquire knowledge?

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(i) According to Hume, what are simple ideas copies of?

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(j) According to Hume, how is it possible for us to imagine things that do not exist, such as unicorns?

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## SECTION 3 — MORAL PHILOSOPHY — 30 marks

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3. (a) What would Bentham's hedonic calculus be used to calculate?

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- (b) Name any **two** of the components of Bentham's hedonic calculus.

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(c) Read the following statement:

Explain why a Utilitarian might consider this to be morally wrong. You should support your answer by referring to the key features of Utilitarianism.

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## 3. (continued)

(d) You have studied **three** criticisms of Utilitarianism.

(i) State a criticism of Utilitarianism.

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(ii) Why is this a problem for Utilitarianism? Support your answer with an example.

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(iii) State a second criticism of Utilitarianism.

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## 3. (d) (continued)

- (iv) Why is this a problem for Utilitarianism? Support your answer with an example.

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- (v) State a third criticism of Utilitarianism.

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- (vi) Why is this a problem for Utilitarianism? Support your answer with an example.

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(e) You have studied another moral theory as well as Utilitarianism.

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(f) Read the following scenario:

What would followers of your **other moral theory** think is the right thing to do in this situation?

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(g) Describe **two** criticisms of your **other moral theory**, with reference to the scenario on page 19.

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