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Question 1 — Arguments in Action

- (a) (i) What is a valid argument?

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- (ii) Read the argument below.

**All cats are elephants.
All elephants are pink.
So all cats are pink.**

Is the argument valid or invalid?

Give a reason for your answer. Your reason should refer to the above argument.

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Question 1 (a) (continued)

(iii) Read the argument below.

Snow makes people cold.
You are cold.
So it must have been snowing.

Is the argument valid or invalid?

Give a reason for your answer. Your reason should refer to the above argument.

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(b) Explain why an illegitimate appeal to authority is an unreliable form of reasoning. Give an example to support your answer.

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Question 1 (continued)

- (c) Read the argument below.

She says smoking is bad for you but I saw her smoking just last week so I don't see why I should listen to what she says.

Is the above argument reliable?

Give a reason for your answer. Your reason should refer to the above argument.

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Question 2 — Knowledge and Doubt

(a) According to empiricists, how do we gain knowledge?

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(b) What does Hume mean by impressions and ideas?

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Question 2 (continued)

- (c) According to Hume's theory, how is it possible to imagine a golden mountain if such a thing does not exist?

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- (d) Describe Hume's example of the missing shade of blue.

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Question 2 (continued)

- (e) Is the missing shade of blue a problem for Hume's theory of impressions and ideas? Give reasons for your answer.

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(f) Descartes was not a sceptic but adopted sceptical arguments in his work. Describe his sceptical arguments.

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Question 3 — Moral Philosophy

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(b) Explain **three** common criticisms of Utilitarianism.

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Question 3 (continued)

- (c) According to Bentham, how should happiness be measured?

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- (d) Explain what a Utilitarian might advise you to do in the scenario below.
You have an opportunity to steal a jacket which you cannot afford to buy.

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