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**Philosophy
Paper 1**

MONDAY, 20 MAY
9:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Total marks — 60

SECTION 1 — KNOWLEDGE AND DOUBT — 30 marks

Attempt the question.

SECTION 2 — MORAL PHILOSOPHY — 30 marks

Attempt **ONE** question.

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



SECTION 1 — KNOWLEDGE AND DOUBT — 30 marks

Attempt the question

1. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows.

‘Everyone will freely admit that the perceptions of the mind when a man feels the pain of excessive heat or the pleasure of moderate warmth are considerably unlike what he feels when he later remembers this sensation or earlier looks forward to it in his imagination.’

An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding Section II — the origin of ideas

Explain and evaluate Hume’s theory of impressions and ideas.

In your answer you could include the following

- an explanation of Hume’s distinction between impressions and ideas, including examples
- an explanation of the role of the imagination
- a discussion of Hume’s arguments about how we acquire different types of ideas
- analysis and evaluation of any counter examples
- discussion of strengths and weaknesses and how they affect Hume’s theory.

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SECTION 2 — MORAL PHILOSOPHY — 30 marks

Attempt ONE question

2. Read the following situation and answer the question that follows.

Your best friend misses an important school assessment and tells you he just couldn't be bothered getting out of bed. He tells the teacher that he has a sickness bug and she is very sympathetic. Later, the teacher asks you directly if he had actually been ill. You don't want to tell her the truth because you'd feel guilty about getting your friend into trouble.

Explain and evaluate how Kant might advise you in the above situation.

In your answer you could include the following

- a description of Kant's moral theory
- an explanation of how Kant says we should make moral decisions
- application of Kantian ethics to this scenario
- evaluation of Kantian ethics in relation to this scenario.

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OR

3. Read the following quotation and answer the question that follows.

'Kant's moral theory is cold and detached from real life.'

To what extent do you consider this criticism to be fair?

In your answer you could include the following

- a description of Kant's theory
- an explanation of how Kant says we should make moral decisions
- discussion of how the criticism applies to Kantian ethics
- evaluation of Kantian ethics in relation to this criticism.

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