Information about the 2015 examination

The examination will be based on the Philosophy & Reason Senior External Syllabus 2004. It will consist of two papers.

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Paper One

Paper One will consist of three parts:
- Part A: Deductive Logic — Propositional Logic
- Part B: Deductive Logic — Monadic and Dyadic Logic
- Part C: Critical Reasoning — Probability and Causation.

Paper Two

Paper Two will consist of two parts:
- Part A: Critical Reasoning (major inductive argument types; fallacies of reasoning)
- Part B: Philosophy.

Information about Part B: Philosophy

Candidates will be required to respond in essay form to two questions. Each essay should be approximately 600 words in length.

Question 1 will be about ethics/moral philosophy. Candidates must be familiar with the principles of Kantian ethics and utilitarianism. Candidates must respond to Question 1, which will not be provided before the examination.

Questions 2–5 will cover a range of Philosophy topics. Candidates must respond to one question. Questions 2–5 are attached to allow candidates to undertake research during the year and to plan their responses before the examination.

Material that is not relevant will not gain credit. Any examples or references used in responses must be of appropriate length.

Candidates are not permitted to bring notes into the examination room.
Level of achievement

Each candidate’s level of achievement will be determined by applying the syllabus standards to an overall assessment of responses across both Paper One and Paper Two.

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Paper Two Part B

Either

Question 2 — Philosophy of religion

Choose one of the following arguments concerning the existence of the Christian deity and determine whether the argument succeeds in establishing its conclusion:

- Cosmological argument
- Teleological argument
- Ontological argument
- the ‘Problem of Evil’.

Explain the intrinsic concepts of the argument, then analyse and evaluate the argument by discussing at least two philosophical criticisms of it and any possible responses to these criticisms.

or

Question 3 — Philosophy of science

Does the traditional ‘Problem of Induction’ pose a serious problem for science?

Explain the intrinsic concepts of the traditional ‘Problem of Induction’, then analyse and evaluate the problem by discussing at least one philosophical response to it.

or

Question 4 — Social and political philosophy

What does it mean to be free?

Compare the interpretation of the concept of ‘freedom’ in two major theories of political philosophy. Explain the intrinsic concepts of each theory, then evaluate the extent to which you agree with their interpretation of ‘freedom’.

or

Question 5 — Philosophy of mind

Do other people have minds?

Explain the intrinsic concepts of the problem of other minds, then analyse and evaluate the problem by discussing at least one philosophical response to it.