

VCE PHILOSOPHY

Unit 3 and 4

Practice Examination

Instructions

Write in the spaces provided for each question.

There are 3 sections: A, B, C. Each section is worth 20 marks.

Read every question carefully.

Reading Time: 15 minutes

Writing Time: 2 hours

Question 5

In what ways does the philosophy of Callicles differ from the Nietzschean perspective on the good life? Outline **one** key difference (2 marks)

Question 6

In the first meditation, Descartes believes that he is unable to distinguish between his dreaming and waking states. Outline his reasoning why and give one potential criticism of this view (3 marks)

Question 7

Socrates' final argument – The form of Life argument - for the immortality of the soul is offered up just before his death from hemlock. Outline the Form of Life argument (2 marks)

Question 8

David Armstrong rejects both dualism and dispositional behaviorism but aims to retain an element of both. What are they and how does he synthesize these two elements into his theory of mind? (3 marks)

End of Section: Total 20 marks

SECTION C

Write an essay on **one** of the following topics.

Question 1 (20 marks)

"We can write computer programs to send men to space and we can genetically enhance food to be healthier. We can connect people around the world at the click of a button. All the world's knowledge is in the palm of our hands. But none of it has made us any happier"

Critically discuss this statement. In your response draw on relevant philosophical sources, including at least one of the following: Plato's *Gorgias*, Aristotle, Nietzsche, or Singer.

OR

Question 2 (20 marks)

"Some people are so poor, all they have is money"

Critically discuss this statement. In your response draw on relevant philosophical sources, including at least one of the following: Plato's *Gorgias*, Aristotle, Nietzsche, or Singer.

OR

Question 3 (20 marks)

This famous picture shows the body of refugee Alan Kurdi washed ashore, which sparked a worldwide debate about our obligations to others and presents the dilemma of how far we should go to help others.

Critically discuss this dilemma. In your response draw on relevant philosophical sources, including at least one of the following: Plato's *Gorgias*, Aristotle, Nietzsche, or Singer.



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