



Victorian Certificate of Education 2010

SUPERVISOR TO ATTACH PROCESSING LABEL HERE

STUDENT NUMBER

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PHILOSOPHY

Written examination

Monday 15 November 2010

Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)

Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
A	4	4	15
B	3	3	15
C	3	3	15
D	3	1	15
			Total 60

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 11 pages.

Instructions

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- All written responses must be in English.

Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any other unauthorised electronic devices into the examination room.

SECTION A

Instructions for Section A
Answer **all** four questions.

Question 1

In the debate with Callicles, Socrates holds that ‘self-discipline makes for greater happiness than self-indulgence’.

Why does he think this? Is his case convincing?

4 marks

Question 2

‘To say that happiness is the chief good seems a platitude, and a clearer account of what it is is still desired.’ (Aristotle)

Outline and evaluate some elements in Aristotle’s ‘clearer account’ of happiness.

4 marks

Question 3

Outline and evaluate Nietzsche's main criticisms of contemporary European morality.

4 marks

Question 4

Murdoch thinks that the advance of science has made life seem 'self-enclosed and purposeless'. To develop a better view of life, what strategies does she recommend?

3 marks

Total 15 marks

SECTION C

Instructions for Section C
Answer **all** three questions.

Question 1

At the beginning of his *Second Meditation*, Descartes wonders whether anything at all can be certain. By the end of it, however, he has reached some positive conclusions about himself.

Outline and critically evaluate his argument for **one** of these conclusions.

4 marks

Question 2

‘A mental state is a state of the person apt for producing certain ranges of behaviour.’ (Armstrong)

Outline and evaluate his argument for this view.

5 marks

