

Philosophy Higher level Paper 1

Tuesday 6 November 2018 (afternoon)

2 hours 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer one question.
- Section B: answer two questions, each chosen from a different optional theme.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [75 marks].

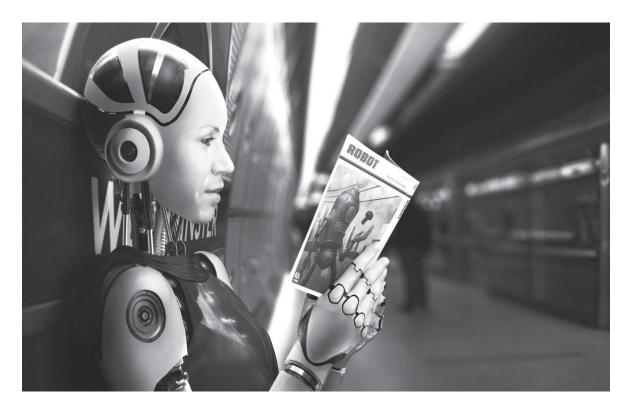
5 pages

Section A

Answer one question from this section. Each question in this section is worth [25 marks].

Core theme: Being human

1. Look at the following image and develop your response as indicated below.



[Source: http://d4n13l3.deviantart.com, accessed 29 September 2017. Reproduced by permission of the artist, Daniele Gay.]

With explicit reference to the stimulus and your own knowledge, discuss a philosophical issue related to the question of what it means to be human.



[Source: "Una familia" (A family), 1989, Fernando Botero, Museo Botero, Bogota, Cundinamarca, Colombia. Age fotostock / Alamy Stock Photo.]

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Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section, each chosen from a different optional theme. Each question in this section is worth [25 marks].

Optional theme 1: Aesthetics

- **3.** Evaluate the claim that "art is ruled uniquely by the imagination".
- 4. Evaluate the claim that "the art challenges the technology, and the technology inspires the art".

Optional theme 2: Epistemology

- 5. Evaluate the claim that "any statement we make about the world is, in one way or another, a belief".
- **6.** Evaluate the claim that "if no defeaters of one's justification exist, a subject would be epistemologically justified".

Optional theme 3: Ethics

- 7. Evaluate the view that human beings should be moral.
- 8. To what extent are intellectual and moral virtues essential for living an ethical life?

Optional theme 4: Philosophy and contemporary society

- **9.** To what extent is terrorism a justified means to produce cultural, social, political or religious change?
- **10.** Evaluate philosophically the claim that reality is changing as a consequence of the new media culture.

Optional theme 5: Philosophy of religion

- **11.** Evaluate the claim that a god is nothing more than the being of man himself.
- **12.** Evaluate the role within religion of reason and faith.

Optional theme 6: Philosophy of science

- **13.** Explain and discuss scientific realism.
- 14. To what extent can it be claimed that science progresses through "paradigm shifts"?

Optional theme 7: Political philosophy

- **15.** Evaluate the claim that non-violence is a useful tool to produce political change.
- **16.** Explain and discuss the role of ideologies within political action.