

**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]**.

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.
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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.

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



[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.
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