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Philosophy
Standard level
Paper 1

Friday 5 November 2021 (afternoon)

1 hour

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[25 marks]**.

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

Core Theme: Being human

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

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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. Read the following excerpt and develop your response as indicated below.

[...] the human is a paradox. As “rational animals”, we are the only species that straddles the divide between matter and spirit. We do not just inhabit the material world – we interpret it, discern order within it, derive meaning from it and act decisively upon it. [...] our desire draws us towards a source of joy beyond the horizon of this mortal life, which allows us to know and enjoy the things of creation in a balanced and harmonious way.

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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.

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