

**Philosophy  
Higher level  
Paper 1**

Tuesday 6 November 2018 (afternoon)

2 hours 30 minutes

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**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.  
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.

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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