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**Philosophy**  
**Standard level**  
**Paper 1**

Friday 15 November 2019 (afternoon)

1 hour 45 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 one question.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[50 marks]**.

## Section A

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

### Core theme: Being human

1. Read the following excerpt 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. 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.

## **Section B**

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

### **Optional theme 1: Aesthetics**

3. Evaluate the claim that art generates an experience that is an activity of consciousness which triggers human emotions.
  
4. Evaluate the claim that art ought to contribute to improving society.

### **Optional theme 2: Epistemology**

5. To what extent does knowledge require foundations?
  
6. Discuss the role of reason in knowing the external world.

### **Optional theme 3: Ethics**

7. To what extent is it justified to equate what is right with the will of God?
  
8. Evaluate the claim “that morality is what the majority [...] happen to like, and immorality is what they dislike”.

### **Optional theme 4: Philosophy and contemporary society**

9. Evaluate the view that a tolerant society should not promote any particular lifestyle as superior.
  
10. Evaluate the claim that in contemporary society we possess certain rights which cannot be taken from us.

**Optional theme 5: Philosophy of religion**

11. Evaluate the claim that we can only know about God through experience.
12. Evaluate the claim that religious language is unverifiable.

**Optional theme 6: Philosophy of science**

13. Evaluate the claim that the use of inductive reasoning in science is problematic.
14. To what extent is an explanation a description of the world?

**Optional theme 7: Political philosophy**

15. To what extent do our political obligations arise from a social contract?
  16. Evaluate the view that the aim of distributive justice is compatible with defending individual freedoms and rights.
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