



UNIVERSITY JOHANNESBURG

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COURSE: Philosophy 2B **TIME:** 3 hours

QUESTION PAPER: 1 **MARKS:** 100

SUBJECT CODE: FIL2B21/
 PHL2BB2

EXAMINERS: 1. Mr Chad Harris
 2. Dr Ashley Coates

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(THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES)

1. USE TWO SEPARATE ANSWER SCRIPTS: ONE FOR SECTION A AND ONE FOR SECTION B.
 2. WRITE THE SECTION LETTER ('A' OR 'B' AT THE TOP OF THE ANSWER BOOK, IN THE COLOURED BLOCK)
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SECTION A: Harris

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| History of Modern Philosophy [50 marks] |
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Answer ONE of the following essay topics:

1. Kant's exposition of the concept of space in the *Critique of Pure Reason* is premised on the impossibility of imagining physical objects devoid of spatial relations, in contrast to the ease with which we can imagine empty spaces. What lesson does Kant draw from this discrepancy about the relationship between our concept of space and our sense experiences of objects in space? Explain the answer Kant's expositions of space and time yields to the problem of innate knowledge. Critically evaluate this Kantian solution by arguing why it accommodates rationalism and empiricism.

OR

2. Consider the statement 'The interior angles of any triangle always sum to 180 degrees'. Say whether this statement is an example of one or more of the following categories: a) necessary truth b) contingent truth c) *a priori* knowledge d) *a posteriori* knowledge e) analytic judgement f) synthetic judgement. Justify your choice of category(ies).

OR

3. Hume says our expectation of an effect when we observe a cause is a result of constant past conjunction of the two events. As a simple example, we expect thunder whenever we observe lightning because we have experienced the constant conjunction of lightning and thunder. In response to this physicalist account of causation:

- a) Explain Horton's argument about the difference in theoretical constructs in traditional African societies as opposed to Western societies
- b) Describe how this difference could affect what someone expects in response to an event, or blames as the cause of an event
- c) Do you agree with Horton's argument? Why or why not?

SECTION TOTAL: [50]

SECTION B: Coates

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| Metaphysics and Epistemology [50 marks] |
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Answer **both** of the following questions:

- 1) Sogolo argues that explaining a phenomenon by appealing to a natural cause is consistent with also explaining that phenomenon by appealing to a supernatural cause. Do you think that this argument is successful? Why or why not? **[25]**
- 2) Which of internalism and externalism do you think is the better view of justification? Give an argument in support of your answer. **[25]**

SECTION TOTAL: [50]

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