



**Victorian Certificate of Education  
2008**

SUPERVISOR TO ATTACH PROCESSING LABEL HERE

**STUDENT NUMBER**

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**PHILOSOPHY**  
**Written examination**

**Monday 17 November 2008**

**Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)**

**Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm (2 hours)**

**QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK**

**Structure of book**

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
A	4	4	15
B	3	3	15
C	3	3	15
D	3	1	15
			Total 60

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

**Materials supplied**

- Question and answer book of 11 pages.

**Instructions**

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- All written responses must be in English.

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**SECTION A**

**Question 1**

According to Socrates, ‘the worst thing for a criminal is to commit crimes’. Why does he think this? Do you agree with him?

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4 marks

**Question 2**

Explain Aristotle’s view that virtue is a kind of mean. Give **one** of his examples.

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3 marks

**Question 3**

Is morality an expression of obedience? Give reasons for your response.

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4 marks

**Question 4**

Could the contemplation of beauty be the starting point for 'the good life'? Give reasons for your response.

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4 marks

Total 15 marks







**Question 3**

Concerning the nature of the mind, Armstrong agrees with the Behaviourists against Descartes on one important issue. On a second important issue he agrees with Descartes against the Behaviourists.

- a. On what important issue does Armstrong agree with the Behaviourists against Descartes?

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- b. On what important issue does Armstrong agree with Descartes against the Behaviourists?

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- c. Critically discuss **one** of these two important issues.

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1 + 1 + 4 = 6 marks

Total 15 marks







