

Philosophy

HEALTH & WELLBEING



Content

The course has three areas of study:

- Arguments in action
- Knowledge and doubt
- Moral philosophy



Skills

Learners will be able to:

- develop knowledge and understanding of some key philosophical concepts and questions concerning arguments in action, moral philosophy and epistemology
- think critically and develop analytical and evaluative skills appropriate to philosophy
- engage with abstract ideas
- develop and express reasoned arguments and conclusions
- analyse, evaluate and express a coherent line of argument, by investigating a philosophical question



Opportunities for Learners

Learners will be able to:

- analyse and evaluate arguments
- analyse and evaluate theories of knowledge including rationalism and empiricism
- analyse and evaluate moral theories



Assessment

- The course will be assessed through two question papers (exams), which will be marked by SQA and graded A to D.
- The question papers give candidates an opportunity to demonstrate skills including analysing and evaluating arguments, theories of knowledge and moral theories.



Question Paper 1

60 marks / 2 hours 15 minutes

Section 1

Knowledge and doubt

30 marks

Learners write an essay on Descartes or Hume. There is no choice of question.

Section 2

Moral philosophy

30 marks

Learners write an essay in which they apply a moral theory to a given situation, or respond to a quotation. They can choose between two questions.

Question Paper 2

50 marks / 1 hour 45 minutes

Section 1

Arguments in action

30 marks

Section 2

Knowledge and doubt

10 marks

Section 3

Moral philosophy

10 marks

Specimen Paper www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm



Progression Higher courses can stand alone or follow on from National 5 qualifications and may lead to Advanced Highers, the Scottish Baccalaureate and a range of qualifications within Further and Higher Education.



For course information, specimen question papers and past paper guidance visit:

Higher Philosophy: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47900.html

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile

Education Scotland: <https://education.gov.scot/nationalqualifications>

Further Information for Parents and Learners Information on assessment, skills,

progression, revision resources and summaries of National Qualifications

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