

مسابقة في مادة الفلسفة والحضارات

المدة: ساعتان

(باللغة الإنكليزية)

الاسم:

الرقم:

Choose one of the following subjects:

First Subject:

The good form imposes itself and determines perception.

1- Explain this judgment and state the problematic it raises. **(9 points)**

- **Write** a suitable introduction on perception.
- **Write** the general and the specific problematic.
- **Write** a preliminary idea.
- **Explain** the judgment by stating:
 - The ideas of the Gestalt's theory.
 - The position of Kohler, Koffka and Guillaume on perception.

2- Discuss this judgment in light of another attitude. **(7 points)**

- **Write** a transitional idea linking the explanation to the discussion.
- Internal criticism: two ideas.
- External criticism:
 - The rationalists' point of view on perception.
 - Descartes point of view and give examples.
 - Alain point of view and give examples.
- **Write** a synthesis.

3- Do you think that perception plays a role in choosing our future projects? Justify your answer. **(4 points)**

- If yes, our perception directs our choices of things. **Give** examples.
- If no, there are other elements that affect our choices. **Give** examples.

Second Subject:

There is a contradiction between philosophy which seeks to understand the meaning of existence and science which aspires to explain the world and change it.

- 1- **Explain** this statement and state the problematic it raises. **(9 points)**
- **Write** a suitable introduction on the two forms of knowledge (philosophical and scientific).
 - **Write** the general and the specific problematic.
 - **Write** a preliminary idea.
 - **Explain** the judgment by stating:
 - The conflict between philosophy and science.
 - **Specify** the ideas of conflict between philosophy and science in light of the difference of subjects, the methods and the result of each one of them. **Give** examples.
- 2- **Discuss** this judgment in light of the complementarity of science and philosophy. **(7 points)**
- **Write** a transitional idea linking the explanation to the discussion.
 - Internal criticism: two ideas.
 - External criticism:
 - **Write** on different attitudes of complementarity between philosophy and science.
 - The need of each other.
 - **Write** a synthesis.
- 3- Do you think that parents have a positive role in the development of the philosophical thinking of their children? **Justify** your answer. **(4 points)**
- If yes, the positive role of parents. **Give** examples.
 - If no, the negative role of the parents. **Give** examples.

Third Subject: Text

We have no intention of restricting the range of pleasure and pain by arbitrary or “metaphysical” definitions. We mean by them what they mean in common language. It is not necessary to consult Plato or Aristotle. The term “pleasure” covers, for example, the pleasures of eating and drinking; but it also covers those of reading an interesting book, listening to music...etc.

Men are moved towards what is good by the attraction of pleasure and the repulsion of pain. It is for them alone to point out what we ought to do, as well as to determine what we shall do. If therefore, we assume that pleasure, happiness and good are synonymous terms, and that pain, unhappiness and evil are also synonymous, the question immediately arises whether it makes any sense to say that we ought to pursue what is good and avoid what is evil. It is a matter of a psychological fact that we always do pursue the first and avoid the second.

If we make these assumptions and pass over the difficulties inherent in any of the domestic ethics, we can then say that good actions are those which tend to increase the sum total of pleasure.

Bentham

1- Explain this text and state the problematic it raises. **(9 points)**

- **Write** a suitable introduction on the Good and its importance in the life of the individual.
- **Write** the general and the specific problematic.
- **Write** a preliminary idea for the text.
- **Explain** the text starting from the ideas that talk about the meaning of pleasure pain and the Good.

-A further explanation of Bentham on the Good.

2- Discuss the text in the light of another theory about the Good. **(7 points)**

- **Write** a transitional idea linking the explanation to the discussion
- Internal criticism: two ideas
- External criticism:
 - **Write** on different theory on the understanding of the Good.
 - **Write** a synthesis.

3- Do you think that achieving happiness is only a personal effort? **Justify** your answer.

(4 points)

- If yes, the continuous work to reach happiness. A personal effort. **Give** examples
- If no, other circumstances hold down the personal effort from reaching happiness. **Give** examples