# Philosophy & Reason marking guide and response

External assessment 2024

#### Extended response (50 marks)

#### **Assessment objectives**

This assessment instrument is used to determine student achievement in the following objectives:

- 1. define and use terminology relating to political philosophy to demonstrate an understanding of meaning
- 2. explain concepts, methods, principles and theories relating to political philosophy
- 3. interpret and analyse arguments, ideas and information relating to political philosophy
- 4. organise and synthesise ideas and information to understand, engage with and construct arguments relating to political philosophy
- 5. evaluate claims and arguments inherent in theories and views relating to political philosophy
- 6. create an analytical essay response that communicates ideas and arguments relating to political philosophy.



## **Purpose**

This document consists of a marking guide and a sample response.

The marking guide:

- · provides a tool for calibrating external assessment markers to ensure reliability of results
- indicates the correlation, for each question, between mark allocation and qualities at each level of the mark range
- informs schools and students about how marks are matched to qualities in student responses.

The sample response:

- demonstrates the qualities of a high-level response
- has been annotated using the marking guide.

#### Mark allocation

Where a response does not meet any of the descriptors for a question or a criterion, a mark of '0' will be recorded.

Where no response to a question has been made, a mark of 'N' will be recorded.

## Marking guide

## Criterion 1: Defining, using and explaining

#### **Using terminology**

The response, for the first political philosophy selected:	М	The response, for the second political philosophy selected:	М
consistently and appropriately uses relevant terminology throughout	4	consistently and appropriately uses relevant terminology throughout	4
consistently and appropriately uses relevant terminology throughout, with minor error/s or omission/s	3	consistently and appropriately uses relevant terminology throughout, with minor error/s or omission/s	3
appropriately uses some relevant terminology	2	appropriately uses some relevant terminology	2
includes some terminology that is relevant to the political philosophy	1	includes some terminology that is relevant to the political philosophy	1
does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0	does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

#### **Explaining concepts**

The response, for the first political philosophy selected:	М	The response, for the second political philosophy selected:	M
clearly explains a notion of obligation in the political philosophy that is plausible in all key aspects	4	clearly explains a notion of obligation in the political philosophy that is plausible in all key aspects	4
explains a notion of obligation in the political philosophy that is plausible in most key aspects	3	explains a notion of obligation in the political philosophy that is plausible in most key aspects	3
explains tenets of the political philosophy	2	explains tenets of the political philosophy	2
describes an aspect of the political philosophy	1	describes an aspect of the political philosophy	1
does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0	does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

## **Criterion 2: Interpreting and analysing**

#### **Determining relationships**

The response, for the first political philosophy selected:	M	The response, for the second political philosophy selected:	M
insightfully determines relationships within or between ideas relevant to the political philosophy to examine its notion of obligation	4	insightfully determines relationships within or between ideas relevant to the political philosophy to examine its notion of obligation	4
determines a relationship within or between ideas relevant to the political philosophy to examine its notion of obligation	3	determines a relationship within or between ideas relevant to the political philosophy to examine its notion of obligation	3
identifies relationships within or between ideas relevant to the political philosophy	2	identifies relationships within or between ideas relevant to the political philosophy	2
identifies a relationship within or between ideas relevant to the political philosophy	1	identifies a relationship within or between ideas relevant to the political philosophy	1
does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0	does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

#### **Deconstructing arguments**

The response, for the first political philosophy selected:	М	The response, for the second political philosophy selected:	M
<ul> <li>provides a precise deconstruction of argument/s in the political philosophy that are relevant to its notion of obligation</li> <li>accurately identifies premises and conclusion/s</li> </ul>	4	<ul> <li>provides a precise deconstruction of argument/s in the political philosophy that are relevant to its notion of obligation</li> <li>accurately identifies premises and conclusion/s</li> </ul>	4
<ul> <li>provides a considered deconstruction of argument/s in the political philosophy that are relevant to its notion of obligation</li> <li>identifies premises and conclusion/s, with minor error/s</li> </ul>	3	<ul> <li>provides a considered deconstruction of argument/s in the political philosophy that are relevant to its notion of obligation</li> <li>identifies premises and conclusion/s, with minor error/s</li> </ul>	3
provides a deconstruction of argument/s in the political philosophy	2	provides a deconstruction of argument/s in the political philosophy	2
examines a claim or idea in the political philosophy	1	examines a claim or idea in the political philosophy	1
does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0	does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

## **Criterion 3: Organising, synthesising and evaluating**

#### **Evaluating claims, arguments and views**

The response, for the first political philosophy selected:	М	The response, for the second political philosophy selected:	М
<ul> <li>provides an insightful and justified evaluation of tenets of the political philosophy relevant to its notion of obligation</li> <li>uses all appropriate criteria in the evaluation of an argument and its claims</li> </ul>	4	<ul> <li>provides an insightful and justified evaluation of tenets of the political philosophy relevant to its notion of obligation</li> <li>uses all appropriate criteria in the evaluation of an argument and its claims</li> </ul>	4
<ul> <li>provides a justified evaluation of tenets of the political philosophy relevant to its notion of obligation</li> <li>uses most appropriate criteria in the evaluation of an argument and its claims</li> </ul>	3	<ul> <li>provides a justified evaluation of tenets of the political philosophy relevant to its notion of obligation</li> <li>uses most appropriate criteria in the evaluation of an argument and its claims</li> </ul>	3
<ul> <li>provides an evaluation of tenets of the political philosophy</li> <li>uses some appropriate criteria in the evaluation of an argument and its claims</li> </ul>	2	<ul> <li>provides an evaluation of tenets of the political philosophy</li> <li>uses some appropriate criteria in the evaluation of an argument and its claims</li> </ul>	2
<ul> <li>provides an evaluation of a tenet of the political philosophy</li> <li>OR</li> <li>provides an evaluation of an argument or its claims</li> </ul>	1	provides an evaluation of a tenet of the political philosophy     OR     provides an evaluation of an argument or its claims	1
does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0	does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

### **Constructing arguments**

The response:	M
<ul> <li>skilfully constructs a cogent argument in response to the question</li> <li>uses relevant philosophical ideas and the stimulus effectively to support this argument</li> </ul>	5
<ul> <li>constructs a cogent argument in response to the question</li> <li>uses relevant philosophical ideas and the stimulus to support this argument</li> </ul>	4
<ul> <li>constructs an argument in response to the question</li> <li>uses philosophical ideas and/or the stimulus to support this argument</li> </ul>	3
<ul> <li>states a perspective in response to the question</li> <li>uses an idea to support this perspective</li> </ul>	2
includes a statement in response to the question	1
does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

## **Criterion 4: Creating and communicating**

The response:	М
<ul> <li>conveys ideas and an argument in response to the question succinctly, purposefully and fluently</li> <li>uses the analytical essay genre, with paragraphs logically sequenced to support a central thesis</li> </ul>	5
<ul> <li>conveys ideas and an argument relating to the question fluently</li> <li>uses the analytical essay genre, with paragraphs sequenced to support a central thesis</li> </ul>	4
<ul> <li>conveys ideas and an argument relating to the question</li> <li>uses some features of the analytical essay genre</li> </ul>	3
conveys ideas relating to the question	2
conveys an idea relating to the question	1
does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0