

4.1 HL unseen text and normative bridges: supported rehearsal

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ Total: 6 marks

Objective

Supported preparation: Analyse an unseen philosophical argument about a contemporary issue; Evaluate the nature and methods of philosophical inquiry. This is original rehearsal, not completion of the assessed task.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

For an unseen text, identify its question, premises, conclusion and method, then evaluate what it is doing philosophically. Descriptive accuracy does not automatically establish a normative decision rule.

Original source / task evidence

Task: “The new algorithm is more accurate, so it should make every decision.” Supply the missing assumption and evaluate it.

Separate what is stated from the interpretation.
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The argument assumes accuracy always outweighs accountability, rights and other values. Challenge that priority with a case where explanation or appeal matters; acknowledge that accuracy can still have substantial value.

2 Practice

2.1 For the worked case, identify the evidence and a conclusion it can support. Explain one material limit. [3]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Rewrite the algorithm conclusion to incorporate accountability without ignoring accuracy. Give a reasoned answer, evidence or method, and a relevant qualification. [3]