

Philosophy Admissions Assessment 2020 (AM)

You are expected to spend one hour completing the assessment; a slightly broader time window is provided to allow for download and upload of the paper. If you have notified us of extra time requirements, this will be factored into the allowable upload deadline. If you do experience any difficulty during the Assessment window, either technical or personal, you should report this to us as soon as possible afterwards, for taking into proper consideration.

The test has two parts.

Part I (the logic test), which lasts 20 minutes, contains sixteen multiple-choice questions. There are no penalties for incorrect answers, so you should attempt every question, but time spent on this section will be strictly monitored and your answers will automatically submit after 20 minutes.

Part II contains two essay questions. You should select *one* question and answer it. You are expected to spend 40 minutes on this section. Answers should be typed and uploaded in a format readable in Microsoft Word. The word limit is 1,000 words. Papers may be checked using anti-plagiarism software, and you should not discuss your answers or the paper with anyone else. Please save your answer with the file name UCAS number_College_Surname_First Name.

Part II

1. Discuss the following argument. "I can imagine anything that's possible. But I can't imagine not existing. So it's not possible for me to fail to exist."

2. Discuss the following argument. "Sending criminals to prison makes them vastly more likely to re-offend. Recent evidence suggests that the most effective way to prevent criminals from re-offending is to send them on holiday. Admittedly, this policy is expensive; but it is cheaper than sending them to prison. So we should stop sending criminals to prison and send them on holiday instead."