

# Philosophy Admissions Assessment 2020 (PM)

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**You are expected to spend 40 minutes 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 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.

## **Essay Questions**

1. Discuss the following argument. "Mental states, like being in pain, are private to the person experiencing them. So it is nonsense to say that I have a higher tolerance for pain than you, since that would require us to compare my pains and yours."

2. Discuss the following argument. "We have no idea what the needs and desires of future people will be. So it is impossible to specify what our responsibilities to these future people are. But if we cannot specify what our responsibilities to future people are, we have no moral responsibility towards them. Therefore, we have no moral responsibility towards future people."