	Part 1 Max 60		Part 2 Max 40			**Total points**
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	Max 30	Max 30	Max 10	Max 10	Max 20	Max 100

To be completed by the Jury. Participants are not allowed to make notes!

PHILOSOPHY

11th Grade
Variant 2

to be completed within 120 minutes

Maximum score – 100 points

Part 1. *(maximum grade - 60 points)*

Contemporary philosophers often engage in thought experiments in order to verify their hypotheses, refute their opponents or find new solutions to well-known problems. Please consider a famous thought experiment below. Read the text and answer the questions.

Task 1. *(30 points)*

Imagine you are taking part in an experiment. You are locked in a room, where there is a screen, several books with instructions, and writing implements. The screen displays a question in Chinese, while you don't speak Chinese. However, in the books, you can find an algorithm to develop an answer to any question in Chinese. The algorithm is as follows: "If the question starts with an A character, you should first write a B character," and so forth. You have enough time to find the necessary instructions and answer the question in Chinese so that the experiment's observers would think that you know Chinese.

Does the person described in the passage actually know Chinese? What's the difference between a native speaker of Chinese and the person in the room? What conclusions might be made about artificial intelligence on the basis of this thought experiment? Please explain your answer.

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Task 2. *(30 points)*

Imagine you are a brilliant scientist, who is two steps away from developing a cancer medication, which would save the lives of tens of thousands of people. However, on your way to work, you end up in a car accident, where you have caused the death of a pedestrian. If the police find out the circumstances of the accident, you will go to prison for 10 years and your research will remain incomplete. However, in addition to yourself, another driver was involved in the accident, who is completely convinced that the pedestrian died because of his actions and is ready to take full responsibility for the accident. Meanwhile, someone has called the police and you can hear the approaching sirens.

What will you tell the police arriving at the scene of the accident? Is it permissible to lie in order to save a large number of people, if only one innocent person suffers as a result? In what kind of situations is it permissible to tell a lie? Explain your answers, relying on ethical theories.

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Part 2. *(maximum grade - 40 points)*

Solve the logical problems and explain your reasoning.

Task 1. *(10 points)*

Answer the question and justify your position in terms of logic. What is the logically correct conclusion of the following argument?

It is well-known that all philosophers are good at reasoning. At the same time, some philosophers do not reflect on eternal issues. But every real philosopher contemplates the eternal. And anybody who can distinguish contingent truths from necessary truths is a real philosopher. Therefore…

1) everyone who can distinguish contingent truths from necessary truths is good at reasoning.
2) none of those who can distinguish contingent truths from necessary truths can reason well.
3) some of those who can distinguish contingent truths from necessary truths are good at reasoning.
4) some of those who can reason well can distinguish contingent truths from necessary truths.
5) everyone who knows how to reason well can distinguish contingent truths from necessary truths.
6) none of the above.

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Task 2. *(10 points)*

Answer the question and justify your position in terms of logic. What is the logically correct conclusion of the following argument?

If the world is endless, then it doesn't have any boundaries. If it is impossible to know the world in its entirety, our knowledge of it will remain incomplete.

It is incorrect to say that the world has no boundaries and our knowledge will always be incomplete. Therefore…

1. the world has no boundaries.
2. our knowledge of the world will always remain incomplete.
3. the world is endless, or it cannot be known in its entirety.
4. the world is finite, or it can be known in its entirety.
5. the world has boundaries, but our knowledge of it will always be incomplete.
6. none of the above.

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Task 3. *(20 points)*

Three writers meet at a book fair. They are known by their pseudonyms – Tom Deaker, Tia Olster, and Rick Tagel. Each of them specializes in different literary genres: romance, historical and detective novels.

When asked what they do, they answered as follows:

Tom: "Tia writes romance novels, while Rick writes detective stories"

Tia: "Tom writes historical novels"

Rick: "Either Tom or I write detective novels"

As uncovered later, only one of these writers, the one who writes romance novels, told the truth about the kind of books they write.

Figure out who writes which kind of novel. Justify your answer, relying on logical arguments.

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