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FINAL EXAM

Course code:	3524
Course name:	Examen Philosophicum
Studypoints for course:	10 studiepoeng
Percentage of total grade:	60 %
Exam date:	May 10, 2012
Exam place:	NEW YORK
Time:	9am-12pm (3 hours)
Language:	ENGLISH
Number of pages incl. coverpage:	2
Allowed resources during exam	Dictionary norwegian/english
Special remarks:	Students will answer one question
Number of attachments:	None

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ENGLISH:

Either:

Though Descartes' *Metaphysical Meditations* start with a position of radical doubt, by the end of the *Meditations* he has been able to regain trust in knowledge of himself, God, the existence and general properties of the external world, and mathematical and scientific claims. Explain in detail why Descartes' *Meditations* start with radical doubt, what kinds of things this attitude leads him to doubt, and how he regains justification for all the beliefs mentioned above.

Or:

Explain why utilitarianism is a type of consequentialism. What is the main normative principle that this theory defends and why? One of its main defenders, John Stuart Mill, believed that there is a natural hierarchy of pleasures. Explain the hierarchy and Mill's justification for it. Why is this relevant to the theory? Finally explain two objections to Mill's utilitarianism faced and his responses to them