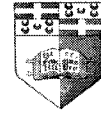


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MAY/JUNE 2009 SESSION EXAMINATIONS

PHI 2107 Aesthetics

Date: Tuesday 2nd June 2009

Time: 9.15 – 10.15

Please remember to write your name and surname as well as the question number on each foolscap.

Answer one question.

1. “The attempt to define art, even if it does not succeed, may increase our understanding of the art world and its objects.” Discuss.
2. “Applied to art, the word ‘imitation’ tends to take on special meanings.” Discuss.
3. “Expression theories (of art) tend to lose sight of the importance of skill in the arts, and even to reduce the importance of the arts themselves.” Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
4. “Like expression and imitation theories of art, formalist theories, while calling our attention to an important aspect of works of art, fail to do justice to their variety and complexity by ignoring other equally important features.” Discuss.