

General Certificate of Education  
June 2008  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**PHILOSOPHY**  
**Unit 1 Theory of Knowledge**

**PLY1**

Friday 23 May 2008 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is PLY1.
- Answer **one** question.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 45.  
The marks for part questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Answer **one** question.

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**Theme: Theory of Knowledge**

**EITHER**

**Total for this question: 45 marks**

- 1** (a) Briefly explain **two** ways in which we have *a priori* knowledge. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain and illustrate **one** strength of reliabilism. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess the view that some *concepts* that we have are not gained from sense experience. (24 marks)

**OR**

**Total for this question: 45 marks**

- 2** (a) Briefly explain **one** reason why naïve realism is thought to be problematic. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain and illustrate **two** criticisms of idealism. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess whether it is useful to refer to subjective items such as sense-data or ideas in order to explain our perceptual knowledge. (24 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**