

General Certificate of Education  
June 2003  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**PHILOSOPHY**  
**Unit 2**

**PLY2**

Friday 6 June 2003 Morning Session

**In addition to this paper you will require:**  
a 4-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is PLY2.
- Answer **one** question.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 45.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate.
- The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

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Answer **one** question.

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**Theme: Moral Philosophy**

**1**

**Total for this question: 45 marks**

- (a) Identify **one** similarity and **one** difference between emotivism and prescriptivism. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain and illustrate the cognitivist view that we can know moral facts. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess the view that we can't get an 'ought' from an 'is'. (24 marks)

**2**

**Total for this question: 45 marks**

- (a) Briefly distinguish between ideal and hedonistic utilitarianism. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain and illustrate **one** criticism of a deontological approach to ethics. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess virtue theory. (24 marks)

**Theme: Philosophy of Religion**

**3**

**Total for this question: 45 marks**

- (a) Briefly explain the view that faith is opposed to reason. (6 marks)
- (b) Outline and illustrate **two** characteristics of a religious experience. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess whether religious language is meaningful. (24 marks)

**4**

**Total for this question: 45 marks**

- (a) Briefly explain **one** difference between the ontological and teleological arguments for the existence of God. (6 marks)
- (b) Outline and illustrate **one** criticism of the ontological argument for the existence of God. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess the cosmological argument. (24 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**