

General Certificate of Education
June 2004
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



PHILOSOPHY **PLY2**
Unit 2 Moral Philosophy or Philosophy of Religion

Monday 14 June 2004 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
an 8-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.

Answer **one** question.

Theme: Moral Philosophy

1

Total for this question: 45 marks

- (a) Briefly explain what is meant by moral realism. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain and illustrate the is–ought (fact–value) gap. *(15 marks)*
- (c) Assess non-cognitivism. *(24 marks)*

2

Total for this question: 45 marks

- (a) Briefly explain what preference utilitarianism involves. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain and illustrate how deontological ethics differs from rule utilitarianism. *(15 marks)*
- (c) Assess deontological ethics with reference to any **one** of:
 euthanasia;
 or abortion;
 or animal rights. *(24 marks)*

Theme: Philosophy of Religion

3

Total for this question: 45 marks

- (a) Briefly explain **one** difficulty resulting from the claim that God is transcendent. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Outline and illustrate **one** philosophical explanation of how religious language is meaningful. *(15 marks)*
- (c) Assess whether religious experiences demonstrate the existence of God. *(24 marks)*

4

Total for this question: 45 marks

- (a) Briefly explain the meaning of the word ‘miracle’. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Outline and illustrate **one** criticism of the teleological argument for the existence of God. *(15 marks)*
- (c) Assess the ontological argument for the existence of God. *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS