General Certificate of Education
June 2007
Advanced Subsidiary Examination

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

AQA
ASSESSMENT and
QUALIFICATIONS
ALLIANCE

Tuesday 5 June 2007   9.00 am to 10.00 am

For this paper you must have:
● an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions
● Use blue or black ink or 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 PLY2.
● 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.

Answer **one** question.

Theme: Moral Philosophy

Total for this question: 45 marks

1 (a) Briefly explain how rule utilitarianism might be applied to any **one** of the following:

- abortion;
- our treatment of animals;
- euthanasia. *(6 marks)*

(b) Explain and illustrate **one** strength of virtue theory. *(15 marks)*

(c) Assess deontological ethics. *(24 marks)*

Total for this question: 45 marks

2 (a) Briefly explain what is meant by cognitivism in ethics. *(6 marks)*

(b) Explain and illustrate **one** criticism of prescriptivism. *(15 marks)*

(c) Assess whether relativism implies that we ought to be tolerant of moral values which differ from our own. *(24 marks)*

Theme: Philosophy of Religion

Total for this question: 45 marks

3 (a) Briefly explain **one** objection to fideism. *(6 marks)*

(b) Explain and illustrate **two** solutions to the problem of evil. *(15 marks)*

(c) Assess explanations of how religious language can be meaningful. *(24 marks)*

Total for this question: 45 marks

4 (a) Briefly explain how morality might depend on God. *(6 marks)*

(b) Explain and illustrate **two** ways in which miracles can be defined. *(15 marks)*

(c) Assess the view that God's existence can be known *a priori*. *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS