

General Certificate of Education
June 2003
Advanced Level Examination



PHILOSOPHY
Unit 4 Themes

PLY4

Thursday 19 June 2003 Afternoon 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 PLY4.
- 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 50.
- 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: Philosophy of Mind

1

Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of dualism. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that the mind is the brain. *(32 marks)*

2

Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate how solipsism is possible. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess solutions to the problem of other minds. *(32 marks)*

Theme: Political Philosophy

3

Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** differences between negative freedom and positive freedom. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess whether laws should attempt to uphold the moral standards of society. *(32 marks)*

4

Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that punishment should be used as a deterrent. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess whether we have an obligation to obey an unjust law. *(32 marks)*

Theme: Philosophy of Science

5

Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate **one** explanation of how scientific revolutions occur. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that science is a rigorously critical activity. *(32 marks)*

6

Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate the problem of induction. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the extent to which scientific method is appropriate in the social sciences. *(32 marks)*