

General Certificate of Education  
June 2007  
Advanced Level Examination



**PHILOSOPHY**  
**Unit 4 Philosophy of Mind, Political Philosophy or  
Philosophy of Science**

**PLY4**

Friday 22 June 2007 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

**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 PLY4.
- 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 50.
- 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: Philosophy of Mind**

**Total for this question: 50 marks**

- 1 (a) Describe and illustrate what philosophers mean by intentionality and explain its significance. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess explanations of how mental events (such as beliefs and desires) cause actions. *(32 marks)*

**Total for this question: 50 marks**

- 2 (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that personal identity depends upon bodily continuity through time. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that mental events are brain processes. *(32 marks)*

**Theme: Political Philosophy**

**Total for this question: 50 marks**

- 3 (a) Describe and illustrate **two** ways in which we might be said to lack positive freedom. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that the functions of the state should be minimal. *(32 marks)*

**Total for this question: 50 marks**

- 4 (a) Describe and illustrate **two** ways in which we might be said to possess rights. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess whether an unequal distribution of property between individuals could be a feature of a just society. *(32 marks)*

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**Theme: Philosophy of Science****Total for this question: 50 marks**

- 5** (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of the hypothetico-deductive method. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that scientific laws describe necessary connections between events. *(32 marks)*

**Total for this question: 50 marks**

- 6** (a) Describe and illustrate the instrumentalist view of scientific theory. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess theories of scientific progress and development. *(32 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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