

General Certificate of Education
June 2008
Advanced Level Examination



PHILOSOPHY

PLY4

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

Wednesday 18 June 2008 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions

- Use black ink or black 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.

Answer **one** question.

Theme: Philosophy of Mind

Total for this question: 50 marks

- 1 (a) Describe and illustrate what philosophers mean by qualia and explain the significance of this concept. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess whether functionalist explanations provide an adequate account of mentality. *(32 marks)*

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- 2 (a) Describe and illustrate **two** reasons for rejecting solipsism. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess whether it is overly restrictive to hold that only human beings can be persons. *(32 marks)*

Theme: Political Philosophy

Total for this question: 50 marks

- 3 (a) Describe and illustrate **two** features of socialism. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess how the limits of our political obligations to the state might be defined. *(32 marks)*

Total for this question: 50 marks

- 4 (a) Describe and illustrate **two** ways in which individuals benefit from being politically organised in a state. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that freedom is the absence of law. *(32 marks)*

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

- 5** (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of the realist approach to scientific theory. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess explanations of how objectivity in science might be achieved. *(32 marks)*

Total for this question: 50 marks

- 6** (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that systematic and neutral observation is essential in the formation of scientific theories. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that natural science differs from social science because natural science is paradigmatic. *(32 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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