

General Certificate of Education  
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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.

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Answer **one** question.

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**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**