

General Certificate of Education
June 2004
Advanced Level Examination



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

PLY4

Friday 25 June 2004 Afternoon 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 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** reasons for holding that mental states are brain states. (18 marks)
- (b) Assess the view that materialist theories of the mind fail to account for consciousness and subjectivity. (32 marks)

2

Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that personal identity depends upon psychological continuity through time. (18 marks)
- (b) Assess the claim that only human beings can be persons. (32 marks)

Theme: Political Philosophy

3

Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that freedom is the absence of constraint. (18 marks)
- (b) Assess the view that we possess certain rights which cannot be taken away from us. (32 marks)

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Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** features of conservatism. (18 marks)
- (b) Assess how far, if at all, social contract theories account for our political obligations. (32 marks)

Theme: Philosophy of Science**5****Total for this question: 50 marks**

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that observation has a key role in the formation of scientific theories. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess whether proof is essential for scientific knowledge. *(32 marks)*

6**Total for this question: 50 marks**

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** reasons for holding a realist view of scientific theory. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess explanations of how progress in science is achieved. *(32 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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