

General Certificate of Education
June 2005
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



PHILOSOPHY **PLY2**
Unit 2 Moral Philosophy or Philosophy of Religion

Friday 10 June 2005 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.
- 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.

Answer **one** question.

Theme: Moral Philosophy

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Total for this question: 45 marks

- (a) Briefly explain what prescriptivism involves. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain and illustrate the emotivist view of moral language. *(15 marks)*
- (c) Assess moral realism. *(24 marks)*

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Total for this question: 45 marks

- (a) Briefly explain the difference between act and rule utilitarianism. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Explain and illustrate **one** criticism of virtue theory. *(15 marks)*
- (c) Assess utilitarianism. *(24 marks)*

Theme: Philosophy of Religion

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Total for this question: 45 marks

- (a) Briefly outline Pascal's Wager. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Outline and illustrate **one** solution to the problem of why God does not prevent humans from performing evil acts. *(15 marks)*
- (c) Assess whether God's existence is demonstrated by miracles. *(24 marks)*

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Total for this question: 45 marks

- (a) Briefly explain how a religious experience differs from an ordinary experience. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Outline and illustrate **two** criticisms of the cosmological argument for the existence of God. *(15 marks)*
- (c) Assess the teleological argument for the existence of God. *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS