

General Certificate of Education
June 2006
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



PHILOSOPHY
Unit 1 Theory of Knowledge

PLY1

Tuesday 6 June 2006 9.00 am to 10.00 am

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 PLY1.
- 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.
- The marks for part questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

Answer **one** question.

Theme: Theory of Knowledge

EITHER

Total for this question: 45 marks

- 1 (a) Briefly explain why knowledge requires justification. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain and illustrate **one** criticism of the view that a belief is knowledge if it coheres with other accepted beliefs. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess the importance of *a priori* knowledge. (24 marks)

OR

Total for this question: 45 marks

- 2 (a) Briefly explain what philosophers mean by the primary qualities of an object. (6 marks)
- (b) Outline and illustrate how illusion creates a problem concerning perceptual knowledge. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess representative realism. (24 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS