

General Certificate of Education
June 2006
Advanced Level Examination



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

PLY4

Friday 23 June 2006 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

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 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.
- 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: Philosophy of Mind

Total for this question: 50 marks

- 1 (a) Describe and illustrate **two** problems facing substance dualism. (18 marks)
- (b) Assess the view that consciousness cannot be reduced to the physical. (32 marks)

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- 2 (a) Describe and illustrate **two** characteristics thought to be essential for persons. (18 marks)
- (b) Assess whether the problem of other minds can be solved. (32 marks)

Theme: Political Philosophy

Total for this question: 50 marks

- 3 (a) Describe and illustrate **two** reasons why some laws might be considered unjust. (18 marks)
- (b) Assess whether law can be divorced from morality. (32 marks)

Total for this question: 50 marks

- 4 (a) Describe and illustrate **two** reasons why anarchists are critical of the State. (18 marks)
- (b) Assess the extent to which authority legitimises the exercise of power. (32 marks)

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

- 5** (a) Describe and illustrate **one** proposed solution to the problem of induction. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the realist approach to scientific theory. *(32 marks)*

Total for this question: 50 marks

- 6** (a) Describe and illustrate **two** reasons for doubting the objectivity of scientific method. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that differences between the natural and social sciences have been exaggerated. *(32 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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