

General Certificate of Education
June 2005
Advanced Level Examination



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

PLY4

Friday 24 June 2005 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

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Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of logical (philosophical) behaviourism. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the functionalist view of mental states. *(32 marks)*

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Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Explain and illustrate how the problem of other minds arises. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess whether any form of dualism provides an acceptable account of the nature of mental states. *(32 marks)*

Theme: Political Philosophy

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Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** reasons why it might be desirable to restrict personal freedoms. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that liberalism attaches too much importance to individual freedom at the expense of other values. *(32 marks)*

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Total for this question: 50 marks

- (a) Explain and illustrate **two** ways in which some individuals may justify a refusal to obey the State. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess whether the goal of distributive justice is compatible with protecting individual liberties and rights. *(32 marks)*

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

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** criticisms of the view that scientists are engaged in an attempt to falsify theories. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that science is paradigmatic. *(32 marks)*

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

- (a) Describe and illustrate **two** reasons for holding the view that at least some social sciences are scientific. *(18 marks)*
- (b) Assess the view that scientific theories are merely useful instruments. *(32 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS PRINTED ON THIS PAGE