

General Certificate of Education
June 2006
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



PHILOSOPHY
Unit 2 Moral Philosophy or Philosophy of Religion

PLY2

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 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.
- 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: Moral Philosophy

Total for this question: 45 marks

- 1** (a) Briefly explain what is meant by moral relativism. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain and illustrate **one** account of what is meant by 'moral progress'. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess emotivism. (24 marks)

Total for this question: 45 marks

- 2** (a) With reference to any **one** of abortion *or* animal rights *or* euthanasia, briefly explain **one** issue causing moral disagreement. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain and illustrate **two** criticisms of utilitarianism. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess virtue theory. (24 marks)

Theme: Philosophy of Religion

Total for this question: 45 marks

- 3** (a) Briefly explain **one** philosophical problem resulting from the claim that God is omniscient. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain and illustrate the view that religious language is meaningless. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess the view that religious belief is founded on faith rather than reason. (24 marks)

Total for this question: 45 marks

- 4** (a) Briefly explain the view that belief in God is properly basic. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain and illustrate **two** reasons for doubting that religious experiences provide evidence for the existence of God. (15 marks)
- (c) Assess the cosmological argument for the existence of God. (24 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS