Solutions

Marking: **M1** a correct method, **A1** the correct answer, **B1** an independent mark.

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

the state or society may limit a person's liberty only to prevent harm to others; not for the person's own good

2.2

the claim "corn-dealers starve the poor" may be printed in a newspaper; but it may be punished when shouted to an angry mob outside a corn-dealer's house; so speech may be limited when it directly incites harm to others; context matters

2.3

any two, explained: the silenced opinion may be true, and to silence it assumes we cannot be wrong; it may contain part of the truth, and the full truth comes from the clash of views; a true opinion that is never challenged becomes "dead dogma", held without understanding the reasons

2.4

explains the distinction with an example; strength: protects individuality and private life; objection: almost every action affects others, e.g. a person who harms their own health affects their family and public health care; Mill's reply: only a definite damage or risk to others counts; objection: paternalism may help people, e.g. seat-belt laws; a reasoned judgement

3.1

Mark with the markbands: [13-15] clearly focused on the question, clear explanation of the philosophical issue, relevant philosophers and arguments used accurately, counter-arguments evaluated, well-developed critical analysis, different perspectives evaluated, a reasoned conclusion; [10-12] focused, mostly accurate knowledge, analysis with some evaluation; [7-9] some focus, relevant knowledge, mostly narrative or description with limited analysis; [4-6] little focus, limited knowledge, mostly narrative; [1-3] little understanding of the question. Points that may be included: accurately explains Mill's claim and its place in On Liberty; reason 1: fallibility; reason 2: partial truth; reasons 3 and 4: dead dogma and loss of meaning; the harm principle and the corn-dealer limit; a modern case, e.g. platform moderation, hate speech laws, health misinformation; objection: some speech harms by its content, e.g. hate speech that silences minorities; objection: in the internet age false claims spread faster than replies; a reply Mill might give; a reasoned conclusion

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