



GCE A LEVEL

A120U20-1



MONDAY, 19 JUNE 2023 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 2
Philosophy of Religion

2 hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use pencil or gel pen. Do not use correction fluid.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left hand margin at the start of each answer, for example,

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 50 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.
- understand, interpret and evaluate critically religious concepts, texts and other sources.
- account for the influence of social, religious and historical factors on the developments in the study of religions and belief.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component, including the views of scholars and academics.
- identify and analyse the nature of connections between the components you have studied.
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

Component 2 – Philosophy of Religion

Part **a)** of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Part **b)** of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

Section A

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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a) Explain what is meant by the problem of evil. [20]

b) ‘Irenaean type theodicies are still credible in the 21st century.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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a) Explain Freud’s arguments for religion being just a product of the human mind. [20]

b) ‘Empirical approaches prove that Jung’s views on religion are wrong.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Explain Hume's challenges to the cosmological and teleological arguments for God's existence. [20]
- b) 'Challenges to the cosmological and teleological arguments for God's existence are very effective.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Examine religious experience with reference to conversion **and** visions. [20]
- b) 'Religious experience is the only influence on religious beliefs and practices.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Examine the concept of religious language as symbolic. [20]
- b) 'Symbolic religious language is only meaningful to religious believers.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

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