



GCE AS

B120U20-1



THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 2
An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion

1 hour 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or 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.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component.
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

COMPONENT 2 – An Introduction to the 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)** Outline the different teleological arguments for the existence of God presented by:
- (i) Paley’s analogy of complex design
- and**
- (ii) Tennant’s aesthetic argument. [25]
- b)** ‘Teleological arguments are more persuasive than scientific explanations for the existence of the universe.’
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a)** Outline the different cosmological arguments presented by:
- (i) Aquinas’ First Three Ways
- and**
- (ii) the Kalam argument. [25]
- b)** ‘Cosmological arguments are effective in proving God’s existence.’
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Outline the nature of religious experience with reference to prayer **and** conversion. [25]
- b) 'Challenges to religious experiences prove that they do not really happen.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Explain how Irenaean type theodicies offer a solution to the problem of evil. [25]
- b) 'Augustinian type theodicies successfully defend the God of Classical Theism.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Outline the ontological arguments for the existence of God presented by Anselm **and** Malcolm. [25]
- b) 'Challenges to the ontological argument result in its failure.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

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