



GCE A LEVEL

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THURSDAY, 20 JUNE 2024 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 3
Religion and Ethics

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 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.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the 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 3 – Religion and Ethics

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 the role of grace in free will, with reference to Pelagius and Arminius. [20]
- b)** ‘Religious views about free will are convincing.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a)** Examine the implications of libertarianism for:
- i)** the value in blaming moral agents for immoral acts
- and**
- ii)** the usefulness of normative ethics. [20]
- b)** ‘Libertarianism clearly shows that human ideas about right and wrong are important.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Examine Aquinas' understanding of different types of virtues and goods in Natural Law. [20]
- b) 'The absolutist nature of Natural Law does not work in contemporary society.' Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Apply Situation Ethics to the issue of homosexual relationships. [20]
- b) 'Situation Ethics is an effective way to make moral decisions.' Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Explain Divine Command Theory. [20]
- b) 'Divine Command Theory is a better approach to ethics than Ethical Egoism.' Evaluate this view. [30]

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