



GCE AS

B120U30-1



MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2024 – AFTERNOON

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 3
An Introduction to Religion and Ethics

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 3 – An Introduction to 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) Apply Fletcher’s Situation Ethics to the issue of homosexual relationships. [25]
- b) ‘Agape is not the only intrinsic good.’
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Apply Fletcher’s Situation Ethics to the issue of polyamorous relationships. [25]
- b) ‘Situation Ethics provides a practical basis for religious believers to make moral decisions.’
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Examine Mill's Utilitarianism as a teleological/deontological hybrid. [25]
- b) 'Utilitarianism promotes moral behaviour.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Explain the following challenges to Divine Command Theory:
(i) the arbitrariness problem
and
(ii) the pluralism objection. [25]
- b) 'The challenges to Divine Command Theory clearly show it is not a good ethical theory.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Explain Aquinas' Natural Law as a form of moral absolutism. [25]
- b) 'For those who do not believe in God, Natural Law is meaningless.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

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