



GCE A LEVEL

A120U20-1



MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2024 – 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 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 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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| 0 | 1 | a) Examine what is meant by Augustinian type theodicies. | [20] |
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- b)** ‘Augustinian type theodicies give a very successful defence of the God of Classical Theism.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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| 0 | 2 | a) Explain the differences between atheism and agnosticism. | [20] |
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- b)** ‘Atheistic arguments against religious belief have been successful.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a)** Examine the views of Hume and Swinburne on the possibility of miracles. [20]
- b)** ‘Swinburne’s responses to Hume’s views of miracles are not valid.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a)** Explain how religious language is meaningful to people who participate in the same language game (Ludwig Wittgenstein). [20]
- b)** ‘Language games provide the best way of resolving the problems of religious language.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a)** Examine Rudolf Otto’s understanding of mystical experience. [20]
- b)** ‘Otto’s definition of ‘numinous’ is inadequate.’
Evaluate this view. [30]

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