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THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2024 – 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 Augustinian type theodicies. [25]
- b) 'Augustinian type theodicies are irrelevant in the 21st Century.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Explain what is meant by the problem of evil. [25]
- b) 'Irenaeus' theodicy does not succeed in defending the God of Classical Theism.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Examine the nature of religious experience with reference to:
- (i) visions
 - and**
 - (ii) conversion. [25]
- b) 'Visions are the least valid type of religious experience in communicating religious teachings and beliefs.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Outline teleological arguments with reference to:
- (i) Aquinas' Fifth Way
 - and**
 - (ii) Tennant's anthropic argument. [25]
- b) 'Challenges to teleological arguments for God's existence are effective.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Outline the ontological arguments of:
- (i) St. Anselm
 - and**
 - (ii) Descartes. [25]
- b) 'Ontological arguments are more persuasive than teleological arguments for God's existence.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

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