



**GCE AS**

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**THURSDAY, 22 MAY 2025 – MORNING**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 2**  
**An Introduction to 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.

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
- 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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| 0 | 1 | a) Outline the concept of ' <i>a priori</i> ', with reference to deductive proofs. | [25] |
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- b) 'Deductive arguments for God's existence are ineffective.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

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| 0 | 2 | a) Outline challenges to the ontological argument. | [25] |
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- b) 'Ontological arguments for God's existence are effective.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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- a) Explain challenges to cosmological arguments. [25]
- b) 'Cosmological arguments for God's existence are persuasive in the 21st century.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine Rudolf Otto's views on mystical experiences. [25]
- b) 'Mysticism has more impact on religious belief and practice than any other type of religious experience.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

**Or,**

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- a) Outline the problem of evil, with reference to J. L. Mackie and Gregory S. Paul. [25]
- b) 'Natural evil proves that the God of Classical Theism does not exist.'  
Evaluate this view. [25]

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