



GCE AS

B120U30-1



MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2025 – 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,

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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) Explain how factors of the hedonic calculus can be used to measure pleasure. [25]

b) 'Act Utilitarianism clearly promotes justice.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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a) Apply Bentham's Utilitarianism to the issue of the use of nuclear weapons as a deterrent. [25]

b) 'Pleasure is not the only intrinsic good.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Explain challenges to Ethical Egoism. [25]
- b) 'Ethical Egoism inevitably leads to moral evil.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

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- a) Apply Aquinas' Natural Law to the issue of abortion, with reference to primary and secondary precepts. [25]
- b) 'An absolutist approach to abortion doesn't work in the modern world.'
Evaluate this view with reference to Aquinas' Natural Law. [25]

Or,

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- a) Examine biblical evidence used to support Fletcher's Situation Ethics. [25]
- b) 'Situation Ethics promotes moral behaviour.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

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