GCE A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 23 JUNE 2023 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A2 unit 5
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 **three** questions:

One question from Section A.

Two questions from Section B.

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, | **0** | **1** | .

Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 30 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge
- understand, interpret and critically evaluate 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 unit, including the views of scholars and academics
- identify and analyse the nature of connections between the units you have studied
- 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
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

Unit 5 – Philosophy of Religion

Section A

Section A questions test your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

| 0 | 1 |

Examine the contrasting views of David Hume **and** Richard Swinburne on the possibility of miracles. [30]

Or,

| 0 | 2 |

Explain religious language as analogical with reference to St Thomas Aquinas **and** Ian Ramsey. [30]

Section B

Section B questions test your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief.

Answer **two** questions from this section.

| 0 | 3 |

'Jung's argument that religious belief is a product of the human mind is convincing.'
Evaluate this view.   [30]

| 0 | 4 |

'Understanding religious language as non-cognitive and symbolic is an effective solution to the problems of religious language.'
Evaluate this view.   [30]

| 0 | 5 |

'Different definitions of miracles are contradictory.'
Evaluate this view.   [30]

| 0 | 6 |

'Religious language can only be fully understood by those with religious belief.'
Evaluate this view.   [30]

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