



GCE AS

B120U20-1



RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 2
An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion

THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2019 – MORNING

1 hour 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

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,

1. (a) Outline Augustinian type **and** Irenaean type theodicies. [25]
- (b) 'Augustinian type theodicies fail to solve the problem of evil.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

2. (a) Outline the problem of evil with reference to Epicurus and Mackie. [25]
- (b) 'Epicurus' form of the problem of evil is not a problem.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

*Answer **one** question from this section.*

Either,

3. (a) Examine Anselm's ontological argument. [25]
- (b) 'A *priori* arguments for God's existence are persuasive.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

4. (a) Examine William James' four characteristics of mystical experience. [25]
- (b) 'James' four characteristics adequately define mystical experience.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

5. (a) Explain St. Teresa of Avila's types and stages of prayer. [25]
- (b) 'Religious experience has a major impact on religious belief and practice.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

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