



GCE AS

B120U20-1



MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2020 – 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.

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) Explain the different ways in which William James **and** Rudolf Otto define mystical experience. [25]

- (b) 'Otto's definition of 'numinous' is inadequate.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

2. (a) Outline different challenges to the objectivity and authenticity of religious experience. [25]

- (b) 'Caroline Franks Davis' challenges to religious experience are not persuasive.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Explain how the views of David Hume challenge teleological arguments. [25]

(b) 'Inductive arguments for God's existence are persuasive.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

4. (a) Explain challenges to ontological arguments. [25]

(b) 'Ontological arguments are successful in proving God's existence.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

5. (a) Examine the Kalam cosmological argument for God's existence. [25]

(b) 'Challenges to cosmological arguments for God's existence are effective'
Evaluate this view. [25]

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