



**GCE A LEVEL**

**A120U20-1**



**TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2022 – MORNING**

## **RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 2**

### **Philosophy of Religion**

**2 hours**

#### **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, 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 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 component, including the views of scholars and academics.
- identify and analyse the nature of the connections between the components you have studied.
- construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

## Component 2 – 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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- a) Explain the views of John Randall **and** Paul Tillich on religious language as symbolic. [20]
- b) 'Symbolic language fails to give religious language meaning.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

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- a) Explain the verification principle within Logical Positivism **and** criticisms of the verification principle. [20]
- b) 'Logical Positivism successfully demonstrates that religious language is meaningless.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

**Either,**

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- a) Explain developments of the ontological argument, with reference to Descartes **and** Malcolm. [20]
- b) 'Ontological arguments for God's existence are very effective.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine Jung's explanation of how religious belief is necessary for personal growth. [20]
- b) 'Jung was much more positive than Freud about the idea of God.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

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- a) Examine David Hume's scepticism of miracles. [20]
- b) 'Swinburne's defence of miracles in response to Hume is not valid.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**END OF PAPER**