



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 2

An Introduction to Religion and Ethics and the Philosophy of Religion

THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2019 – MORNING

1 hour 45 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use pencil or gel pen. Do not use correction fluid.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question in Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

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

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 60 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 unit.
- 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.

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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) Examine the primary and secondary precepts in Aquinas' Natural Law. [30]
- b) 'Natural Law has more strengths than weaknesses.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Explain Ethical Egoism. [30]
- b) 'Following Ethical Egoism inevitably leads to moral evil.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

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Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Explain how Irenaean type theodicies provide a response to the problem of evil. [30]
- b) 'Irenaean type theodicies are still credible in the 21st Century.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Examine William James' four characteristics of mystical experience. [30]
- b) 'James' four characteristics adequately define mystical experience.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

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