



**GCE A LEVEL – NEW**

1120U50-1



**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A2 unit 5**  
**Philosophy of Religion**

MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2018 – AFTERNOON

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 **three** questions:

**One question from Section A.**

**Two questions from Section B.**

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

**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 evaluate critically 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 questions test your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

Section B questions test 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. Examine the criticisms of verification and falsification in relation to religious language. [30]

**Or,**

2. Explain Freud's view of religious belief. [30]

**Section B**

*Answer two questions from this section.*

3. 'Religious experiences have little influence on religious beliefs and practices.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]
4. 'Religious responses to New Atheism have been unsuccessful.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]
5. 'The definition of miracle, as written by Hume, is the least problematic of all definitions of miracle.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]
6. 'Symbolic religious language is only meaningful for religious believers.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**END OF PAPER**