



GCE AS – **NEW**

B120U20-1



RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 2

An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion

FRIDAY, 25 MAY 2018 – 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 regard to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

Section A

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

1. (a) Explain the different cosmological arguments for the existence of God presented by Aquinas and Craig. [25]
- (b) 'The Kalam cosmological argument is convincing.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

2. (a) Outline the different teleological arguments for the existence of God presented by Aquinas, Paley and Tennant. [25]
- (b) 'Paley's view of the teleological argument is convincing.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Examine the ontological argument with reference to Descartes and Malcolm. [25]
- (b) 'Kant's challenge to the ontological argument is not effective.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

4. (a) Examine the problem of evil with reference to Mackie and Rowe. [25]
- (b) 'Modern problem of evil arguments prove that God does not exist.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

Or,

5. (a) Examine the nature of mysticism with reference to transcendent, ecstatic and unitive experiences. [25]
- (b) 'Mystical experiences are the most valid type of religious experience in communicating religious teachings and beliefs.'
Evaluate this view. [25]

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