



GCE A LEVEL – **NEW**

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 2**  
**Philosophy of Religion**

MONDAY, 11 JUNE 2018 – MORNING

2 hours

**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.
- 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 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.

## 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,**

1. (a) Examine different versions of the teleological argument for the existence of God as presented by Paley and Tennant. [20]
- (b) 'The teleological arguments for God's existence are not effective.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

2. (a) Examine different versions of the ontological argument for the existence of God as presented by Anselm and Malcolm. [20]
- (b) 'The ontological arguments for God's existence fail.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

### Section B

*Answer one question from this section.*

**Either,**

3. (a) Examine the Augustinian type theodicy. [20]
- (b) 'Augustinian type theodicies are irrelevant in the 21st Century.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

4. (a) Examine Jung's explanation of religious belief. [20]
- (b) 'Jung was more positive than Freud about the idea of God.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**Or,**

5. (a) Explain how Logical Positivism challenges the meaningfulness of religious language. [20]
- (b) 'Logical Positivism successfully shows that religious language is meaningless.'  
Evaluate this view. [30]

**END OF PAPER**