



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2010

Religious Studies

RST3B

Unit 3B Philosophy of Religion

Friday 11 June 2010 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is RST3B.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Ontological argument and the relationship between reason and faith

0 1 Analyse key objections that have been made to the ontological argument. (30 marks)

and

0 2 To what extent would the success or failure of the ontological argument have any significance for religious faith? (20 marks)

Question 2 Religious language

0 3 Explain how the verification principle has challenged the meaningfulness of religious language and summarise how religion has responded to that challenge. (30 marks)

and

0 4 'Religious responses to the verification principle have been largely unsuccessful.'
Evaluate this claim. (20 marks)

Question 3 Body, soul and personal identity

0 5 Examine the distinctive features of Near Death Experiences. (30 marks)

and

0 6 Consider how far Near Death Experiences are evidence of survival beyond death. (20 marks)

Question 4 The problem of evil

0 7 Analyse Hick's 'vale of soul making' theodicy. (30 marks)

and

0 8 Discuss how far Hick's theodicy succeeds. (20 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS