General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2011

Religious Studies   RST3B

Unit 3B   Philosophy of Religion

Monday 13 June 2011   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.

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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 the reasoning of the ontological argument as presented by Anselm, and explain its purpose. *(30 marks)*

and

| 0 | 2 |

'The ontological argument has no value for the non-believer.'

Assess this view. *(20 marks)*

Question 2 Religious language

| 0 | 3 |

Explain what it means to say that religious language is:
- non-cognitive
- symbolic. *(30 marks)*

and

| 0 | 4 |

'It is not possible to talk meaningfully about God.'

Evaluate this claim. *(20 marks)*

Question 3 Body, soul and personal identity

| 0 | 5 |

'I shall survive the death of my body.'

Analyse the meaning of this statement. *(30 marks)*

and

| 0 | 6 |

'There are no reasonable grounds for belief in the existence of a soul.'

How far do you agree? *(20 marks)*

Question 4 The problem of evil

| 0 | 7 |

Explain the free will defence and examine its purpose. *(30 marks)*

and

| 0 | 8 |

How far is free will a satisfactory explanation for the existence of evil in a world created by God? *(20 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS