



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
June 2014

## Religious Studies

## RST3B

### Unit 3B      Philosophy of Religion

Wednesday 11 June 2014 1.30pm to 3.00pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

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**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RST3B.
- Answer **two** questions.  
Each question has **two** parts.
- 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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Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

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**Question 1 Ontological argument and the relationship between reason and faith**

**0 1** Outline Descartes' ontological argument and explain key objections that may be used against it. **[30 marks]**

and

**0 2** 'Descartes' version of the ontological argument strongly challenges disbelief in the existence of God.'

How far do you agree? **[20 marks]**

**Question 2 Religious language**

**0 3** Explain how the verification **and** falsification principles challenge religious language. **[30 marks]**

and

**0 4** Assess how far religion has successfully defended itself against the challenges of the verification and falsification principles. **[20 marks]**

**Question 3 Body, soul and personal identity**

**0 5** Examine differing ideas about the nature and existence of the soul. **[30 marks]**

and

**0 6** 'Souls do not exist. We are simply our physical bodies.'

How far do you agree? **[20 marks]**

**Question 4 The problem of evil**

**0 7** Outline the concepts of natural evil and moral evil and explain how process thought responds to the problem of evil.

**[30 marks]**

**and**

**0 8** 'Process thought gives the best response to the problem of evil.'

How far do you agree?

**[20 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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