



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2015

Religious Studies

RST3B

Unit 3B Philosophy of Religion

Wednesday 10 June 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

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 **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. 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 Explain the role of both faith and reason in the ontological argument. You should refer to the argument as presented by both Anselm and Descartes in your answer. **[30 marks]**

and

0 2 'The ontological argument has no effect at all on a person's faith.'
Assess this view. **[20 marks]**

Question 2 Religious language

0 3 Explain **both** of the following terms in the context of religious language:

- analogical
- symbolic.

[30 marks]

and

0 4 'Religious language is best understood as symbolic.'
Assess this claim. **[20 marks]**

Question 3 Body, soul and personal identity

0 5 Outline the nature of Near Death Experiences **and** explain how they might support the idea of survival beyond death. **[30 marks]**

and

0 6 'There are no reasonable grounds for belief in an afterlife.'
Assess this claim. **[20 marks]**

Question 4 The problem of evil

0 7 Examine the free will defence as a religious response to the problem of evil.

[30 marks]

and

0 8 'The free will defence cannot justify the existence of natural evil.'

To what extent do you agree?

[20 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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