

## AS RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Unit C    Philosophy of Religion

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Thursday 19 May 2016

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is RSS03.
- Answer **two** questions. Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- 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.

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**Question 1 The cosmological argument**

**0 1** Explain the role of God as the sustainer of motion, causation and existence in the cosmological argument.

**[30 marks]**

**and**

**0 2** Discuss how far the view of God as the sustainer of motion, causation and existence has value for religious believers today.

**[15 marks]**

**Question 2 Religious experience**

**0 3** Explain challenges to religious experience from philosophy with reference to:

- whether the finite could experience the infinite
- the problems of verifying religious experience.

**[30 marks]**

**and**

**0 4** Evaluate the success of philosophical challenges to religious experience.

**[15 marks]**

**Question 3 Psychology and religion**

**0 5** Outline the views of both Freud and Jung that are seen to challenge religious belief **and** explain how religion has responded to these views.

**[30 marks]**

**and**

**0 6** 'Freud and Jung were wrong to suggest that there is a link between religion and mental health.'

How far do you agree?

**[15 marks]**

**Question 4 Atheism and postmodernism**

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 Explain the following reasons for the rise of atheism.

- Rebellion against moral absolutes.
- Awareness of other faiths.

**[30 marks]****and**

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 How far have these reasons led to a retreat of religion in today's society?**[15 marks]****END OF QUESTIONS**

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