

A-level RELIGIOUS STUDIES

1B: Christianity and the Philosophy of Religion

Specimen 2018

Morning

Time allowed: 3 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer:
 - the two-part question from Section A, and
 - **both** two-part questions from Section B and
 - **one** question from Section C
- 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 two-part question in Sections A and B, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of analysis and evaluation.
- The one-part question in Section C tests your knowledge and understanding and your skills of analysis and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A: Study of Religion

Answer **both** parts of the question in this section.

Question 01

0 1 . **1** Examine how Christian teaching helps Christians respond to the challenge of secularisation.

[10 marks]

and

0 1 . **2** 'Religion has a positive impact on society.'

Assess this view with reference to Christianity.

[15 marks]

Section B: Philosophy of Religion

Answer **both** questions in this section.
Each question has two parts.

Question 02

0 2 . **1** Examine how faith in God may be challenged by natural and moral evil.

[10 marks]

and

0 2 . **2** 'The freewill defence is inadequate as a theodicy.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Question 03

0 3 . **1** Examine how the meaningfulness of religious language has been challenged.

[10 marks]

and

0 3 . **2** 'Language game theory shows that religious language is meaningful.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Turn over for Section C

Section C: The dialogue between Philosophy and Religion

Answer **one** question from this section.

Question 04

0 4 . **1** 'Belief in an afterlife is reasonable.'

Critically discuss and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Christianity and Philosophy.

[25 marks]

OR

Question 05

0 5 . **1** 'Religious experience gives us knowledge of God.'

Critically discuss and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Christianity and Philosophy.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS