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# Religious Studies

Advanced

## Unit 4: Implications – The Study of Philosophy of Religion

Thursday 19 June 2014 – Morning  
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

**6RS04/1A**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Read the passage carefully.
- Answer **BOTH** part (a) and part (b) of the question.
- Answer the question in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Quality of written communication will be taken into account in the marking of all your responses  
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

### Advice

- The assessment of your answers will be based on your knowledge and understanding of the topic in question (for 60% of the marks) and your evaluative skills (for 40% of the marks).

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## Philosophy of Religion

Two species of philosophical theology form the background for the movement Hegel deplores. I shall call them, rather loosely, scholastic and deistic. Both are concerned to explore what can be established about the existence and nature of God by means of human reason unaided by revelation. But the scholastic versions of this enterprise share the Augustinian assumption that pure reason, on the one hand, and faith, revelation, and authority, on the other, are harmonious and should be seen as working together. The deistic versions by contrast, are concerned not merely to distinguish but also to separate the two. They wish to bring religion, in Kant's phrase, 'within the limits of reason alone.' To that end they seek to separate the rational kernel of religion from the irrational husk that exceeds those limits in the direction of faith, revelation, and authority. Typical examples of the kernel are God as creator and God as author and enforcer of the moral law, not only in this life but in the life to come. Typical examples of the husk are anything miraculous or supernatural and the tendency to give essential significance to anything historically particular such as the life and death of Jesus.

(Source: Westphal, M. 'The emergence of modern philosophy of religion' in Quinn, P. and Taliaferro, C. (eds.) *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2002, Edexcel Anthology)

- 1 (a) Examine the argument and/or interpretation in the passage. (30)
- (b) Do you agree with the idea(s) expressed? Justify your point of view and discuss its implications for understanding religion and human experience. (20)

**(Total for Question 1 = 50 marks)**

**Start your answer on Page 3.**



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