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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS6b**

**Studies in Philosophy of Religion**

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 14 June 2006

(1 hour 30 minutes)

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

All questions carry 25 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all questions.

*Answer two questions.*

1. (a) Explain **two** different theories about the nature of faith. [15]
- (b) 'Faith contradicts reason.'  
Evaluate this claim. [10]
2. (a) Explain what it means to describe religious language as
- (i) analogical
- (ii) a language-game. [15]
- (b) Analyse how far the above two approaches overcome the view that religious language is meaningless. [10]
3. (a) Explain what philosophers understand by the term 'miracle' **and** the basis on which many of them argue against the occurrence of miracles. [15]
- (b) Evaluate to what extent arguments against the occurrence of miracles are convincing. [10]