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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS 2b

An Introduction to: Philosophy of Religion

P.M. THURSDAY, 7 June 2007

(1 hour)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Write your answers in the separate answer-book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry 20 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 Question 1 and one other question.

1.

Paley's watch analogy
 Paley's observation of natural phenomena
 The anthropic principle
 The aesthetic argument
 Aquinas' Fifth Way
 Swinburne's probability argument

- (a) Explain any **three** of the above features of the teleological argument. [10]
- (b) Give an account of the criticisms made against the teleological argument. [10]

2. (a) Give an account of the Augustinian explanation for the existence of evil in a world supposedly created by God. [10]
- (b) 'The Augustinian explanation is unsatisfactory.'
 Assess this claim. [10]

3. (a) Give an account of the Irenaean explanation for the existence of evil in a world supposedly created by God. [10]
- (b) 'The Irenaean explanation is unsatisfactory.'
 Assess this claim. [10]