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RELIGIOUS STUDIES RS6b

Studies in Philosophy of Religion

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 13 June 2007

(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 how the ontological argument tries to prove the existence of God. [15]
(b) Evaluate how convincing this argument is as proof of God's existence. [10]

2. (a) Explain the principles of verification and falsification **and** how these principles challenge the meaningfulness of religious language. [15]
(b) Evaluate the success of any **two** responses which have been made to answer such challenges. [10]

3. (a) Explain problems posed by science to religious belief in God as Creator. [15]
(b) Consider how far such problems have been overcome. [10]