



GCE AS/A level

1343/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RS1/2 PHIL - Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

A.M. THURSDAY, 26 May 2011

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer book

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 45 marks.

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

Part (*a*) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding.

Part (*b*) of each question tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.

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

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Assessment will take into account the quality of written communication in all your answers.

Answer two questions

1. (a) Examine how the cosmological argument attempts to prove the existence of God. [30]
(b) 'The cosmological argument for the existence of God is unconvincing.'
Assess this view. [15]
2. (a) Examine how the teleological argument attempts to prove the existence of God. [30]
(b) 'The teleological argument for the existence of God is unpersuasive.'
Assess this view. [15]
3. (a) Explain what religious believers mean by the problem of evil. [30]
(b) 'The Irenaean theodicy solves the problem of evil for religious believers.'
Assess this view. [15]
4. (a) Examine the life and work of **one** religious mystic that you have studied. [30]
(b) 'There is no place for religious mystics in the world today.'
Assess this view. [15]