



GCE AS/A level

1343/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RS1/2 PHIL - Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 12 January 2011

1¼ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black 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) Explain the cosmological argument for the existence of God. [30]
(b) 'The cosmological argument simply fails to prove God's existence.'
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Explain the teleological argument with reference to Aquinas, Paley and the anthropic **and** aesthetic principles. [30]
(b) 'The teleological argument for the existence of God is not a strong argument, so it fails.'
Assess this view. [15]

3. (a) Outline the Augustinian **and** Irenaean theodicies. [30]
(b) 'There is no adequate religious answer to the problem of evil.'
Assess this view. [15]

4. (a) Examine the various types of mystical experiences, with reference to the work of William James. [30]
(b) 'Mystical experiences have no place in the modern empirical world.'
Assess this view. [15]