



GCE A level

1348/03

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RS3 PHIL - Studies in Philosophy of Religion

A.M. THURSDAY, 31 May 2012

1¾ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 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 50 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each 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 **two** theories about the nature of faith. [30]
(b) 'Faith cannot be based on reason.'
Assess this view. [20]

2. (a) Explain the problems of religious language. [30]
(b) Determine how far these problems have been overcome by philosophers. [20]

3. (a) Explain why belief in miracles may be challenged. [30]
(b) 'Belief in miracles is essential for a religious believer.'
Assess this view. [20]

4. (a) Explain the main features of 'hard determinism'. [30]
(b) 'Our genes make us what we are, not our environment.'
Assess this view. [20]