



GCE AS/A level

1343/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 PHIL
Studies in Philosophy of Religion

A.M. MONDAY, 13 May 2013

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 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 with reference to Aquinas, Craig and Leibniz. [30]
(b) 'In trying to prove God's existence the cosmological argument fails.'
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Examine the teleological argument with reference to Aquinas, Paley and the anthropic **and** aesthetic principles. [30]
(b) 'Modern science proves that Paley's teleological arguments are wrong.'
Assess this view. [15]

3. (a) Explain the nature of evil **and** why it challenges belief in a Creator God. [30]
(b) 'Animal, innocent and immense suffering are strong proofs against the existence of the God of Classical Theism.'
Assess this view. [15]

4. (a) Examine the features of different types of mystical experience. [30]
(b) 'The empirical world today has no place for mysticism.'
Assess this view. [15]