



GCE AS/A level

1343/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 PHIL
Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

A.M. TUESDAY, 15 January 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) Examine the cosmological argument for the existence of God. [30]
(b) ‘The cosmological argument has more strengths than weaknesses.’
Assess this view. [15]

2. (a) Explain how the teleological argument attempts to prove that God is the designer of the universe. [30]
(b) ‘The teleological argument for God’s existence is completely convincing.’
Assess this view. [15]

3. (a) Explain how **one** theodicy attempts to solve the problem of evil. [30]
(b) ‘The existence of suffering in the world today cannot be adequately explained by any theodicy.’
Assess this view. [15]

4. (a) Explain how **one** mystic you have studied has practised mysticism. [30]
(b) ‘Mysticism has no value in the modern world.’
Assess this view. [15]