



GCE AS/A level

1343/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 PHIL

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

A.M. THURSDAY, 14 May 2015

1 hour 15 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

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 contributions to the cosmological argument made by Aquinas, Craig and Miller, and Leibniz. [30]

**(b) 'God's existence is improbable.'
Assess this view with reference to the cosmological argument. [15]**

2(a) Examine the teleological argument with reference to order, design and purpose. [30]

**(b) 'The teleological argument for the existence of God is a weak argument.'
Assess this view. [15]**

3(a) Examine the classical theodicy of Augustine. [30]

**(b) 'The theodicy of Augustine does not solve the problem of evil.'
Assess this view. [15]**

4(a) Examine the nature of mystical experience. [30]

**(b) 'Mystical experiences are not valued in the modern world.'
Assess this view. [15]**

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