



GCE A level

1348/03



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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 PHIL
Studies in Philosophy of Religion

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 10 June 2015

1 hour 45 minutes

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 how ontological arguments use reason in trying to prove God's existence. [30]
(b) 'Reason and revelation are both needed as a basis for religious faith.'
Assess this view. [20]
2. (a) Explain the concept of religious language as a 'language game'. [30]
(b) 'The concept of a 'language game' solves the problems of religious language.'
Assess this view. [20]
3. (a) Examine reasons for not believing in miracles. [30]
(b) 'Challenges to belief in miracles are unconvincing.'
Assess this view. [20]
4. (a) Examine the concepts of 'soft determinism' **and** 'hard determinism.' [30]
(b) 'An individual does not have complete free choice.'
Assess this view. [20]

END OF PAPER