



GCE A level

1348/03

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 PHIL

Studies in Philosophy of Religion

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 15 June 2016

1 hour 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 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 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 what 'faith' is. [30]

**(b) 'Faith contradicts reason.'
Assess this view. [20]**

**2(a) Explain inherent problems of religious language.
[30]**

**(b) 'Religious language still has meaning.'
Assess this view. [20]**

- 3(a) Explain religious and scientific views of the origins of the universe. [30]**
- (b) 'A person cannot accept both religious and scientific views of the origins of the universe.' Assess this view. [20]**
- 4(a) Examine why religious believers may accept the concept of predestination. [30]**
- (b) 'The only thing that makes us what we are is our environment.' Assess this view. [20]**

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