



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2009

Religious Studies

RSS03

Unit C Philosophy of Religion

Thursday 15 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is RSS03.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- In each question, part (a) tests your knowledge and understanding, while part (b) tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain the different understandings of the role of God which are found in Aquinas' cosmological argument. (30 marks)
- (b) Assess the claim that the cosmological argument does not help religious faith. (15 marks)
- 2 (a) Explain the argument from religious experience for the existence of God. (30 marks)
- (b) To what extent can religious experience be viewed as a proof for the existence of God? (15 marks)
- 3 (a) Explain Jung's understanding of religion. (30 marks)
- (b) To what extent has God been explained away by Jung's views? (15 marks)
- 4 (a) Explain the key ideas of a postmodernist view of religion. (30 marks)
- (b) 'Postmodernism is a denial of religion.'
Assess this claim. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS