



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2013

Religious Studies

RST3B

Unit 3B Philosophy of Religion

Thursday 6 June 2013 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 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 RST3B.
- Answer **two** questions.
Each question has **two** parts.
- 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 100.
- In each question, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part 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.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 Ontological argument and the relationship between reason and faith

0 1 Outline **two** key objections to the ontological argument **and** explain the responses made to them. *(30 marks)*

and

0 2 'Objections to the ontological argument are unconvincing.'
To what extent do you agree? *(20 marks)*

Question 2 Religious language

0 3 With reference to religious language, explain:

- the verification principle
- a 'blik'
- eschatological verification.

(30 marks)

and

0 4 'Only believers can talk meaningfully about God.'
How far do you agree? *(20 marks)*

Question 3 Body, soul and personal identity

0 5 Examine views of personal identity expressed in the theories of resurrection and reincarnation. *(30 marks)*

and

0 6 'Neither theories about resurrection nor theories about reincarnation justify belief in the existence of a soul.'
To what extent do you agree? *(20 marks)*

Question 4 The problem of evil

0 7 Explain the main themes of theodicies in the Augustinian tradition. *(30 marks)*

and

0 8 'The theodicies of the Augustinian tradition have very few strengths.'
Assess this claim. *(20 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS