



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
June 2014

## Religious Studies

## RSS03

### Unit C Philosophy of Religion

Tuesday 13 May 2014 9.00 am to 10.15 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 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 **Paper Reference** is RSS03.
- 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 90.
- 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.

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

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**Question 1    The cosmological argument**

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Explain the following aspects of the cosmological argument:

- God as the first mover
- God as the necessary being.

**[30 marks]**

and

**0 | 2**

'Proving that a first mover and a necessary being exists, would prove that God exists.'

Assess this claim.

**[15 marks]**

**Question 2    Religious experience**

**0 | 3**

Explain the main characteristics of **both** visions and conversion experiences.

**[30 marks]**

and

**0 | 4**

'Only the person who has had a religious experience can really understand that experience.'

How far do you agree?

**[15 marks]**

**Question 3    Psychology and religion**

**0 | 5**

Explain the following **two** aspects of Freud's view of religion:

- wish fulfilment
- the Oedipus Complex.

**[30 marks]**

and

**0 | 6**

'Freud's theory of the Oedipus Complex is the biggest psychological challenge to religious belief.'

Assess this claim.

**[15 marks]**

**Question 4    Atheism and postmodernism**

**0 7**    Examine the ways in which a postmodernist view of religion has responded to atheism.  
**[30 marks]**

**and**

**0 8**    'Postmodernism has successfully defended religion against the challenges of atheism.'  
How far do you agree?  
**[15 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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