General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2015

Religious Studies   RSS03

Unit C   Philosophy of Religion

Thursday 14 May 2015   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. 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.

RSS03

Answer **two** questions.

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

Question 1   The cosmological argument

| 0 | 1 | Explain the cosmological argument.

[30 marks]

and

| 0 | 2 | To what extent is the cosmological argument successful?

[15 marks]

Question 2   Religious experience

| 0 | 3 | Explain ways in which people may argue from religious experience for the existence of God.

[30 marks]

and

| 0 | 4 | 'It is reasonable for people who have had a religious experience to believe in God.'

To what extent do you agree?

[15 marks]

Question 3   Psychology and religion

| 0 | 5 | Explain Jung's views about the following:

- religion as a search for the Self
- religion as the quest for integration.

[30 marks]

and

| 0 | 6 | To what extent do Jung's views of the Self and the quest for integration challenge religious belief?

[15 marks]

Question 4   Atheism and postmodernism

| 0 | 7 | Outline the nature of atheism **and** explain ways in which it is distinct from agnosticism.

[30 marks]

and

| 0 | 8 | 'Atheism is more reasonable than agnosticism.'

How far do you agree?

[15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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