

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2761

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION 1 (AS)

Thursday

9 JUNE 2005

Afternoon

1 hour

Additional materials:
Answer paper

TIME 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/ answer booklet.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

Answer **two** questions, one from each part.

Do **not** answer two questions from the same part.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.

Answer two questions, one from Part 1 and one from Part 2.

Part 1

Answer one question from this part.

- 1 (a) Explain Aquinas' cosmological argument. [33]
 (b) 'No convincing explanation for the existence of the universe has yet been found.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain how Irenaeus accounts for the existence of evil. [33]
 (b) 'God is the cause of all evil.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain Kant's reasons for arguing that human morality points to the existence of God. [33]
 (b) 'Freud's objections destroy Kant's moral argument for the existence of God.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer one question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain Descartes' ontological argument. [33]
 (b) 'The ontological argument will only convince those who already believe in God.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain Hume's objections to teleological arguments. [33]
 (b) 'God is the most likely explanation for design in the universe.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain how psychology accounts for the existence of religious belief. [33]
 (b) 'God is an invention of the mind.' Discuss. [17]