

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION 2 (AS)

2769

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 arguments for reincarnation. [33]
 (b) 'Belief in reincarnation is nothing more than wishful thinking.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Describe what is meant by a religious experience. [33]
 (b) 'Religious experiences are so varied that they cannot prove anything.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain John Hick's view of the relationship between body and soul. [33]
 (b) 'The concept of surviving death without a body is meaningless.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer one question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain the view that God is revealed through scripture. [33]
 (b) 'Scripture was written by humans, so it cannot reveal God.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain what is meant by the *via negativa*. [33]
 (b) 'The *via negativa* tells us nothing about God.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain how myth and symbol are used to express understanding of God. [33]
 (b) 'Myth is more helpful than symbol in expressing understanding of God.' Discuss. [17]