

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2761

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION 1 (AS)

Tuesday

17 JANUARY 2006

Morning

1 hour

Additional materials:
8-page answer booklet

TIME 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the 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 Freud's objections to the argument from religious experience. [33]
 (b) 'The best explanation of religious experience is that it comes from God.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain Descartes' version of the ontological argument. [33]
 (b) 'The ontological argument is weak.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain Aquinas' first three 'Ways' of proving the existence of God. [33]
 (b) 'The universe obviously exists, so God must have created it.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer one question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain Aquinas' teleological argument and Darwinist objections to it. [33]
 (b) 'Arguments from design must fail because they do not prove the existence of a God who is all-powerful.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain how Irenaeus accounts for the existence of both moral and natural evil. [33]
 (b) 'The greatest strength of Irenaeus' explanation of evil is that it points to a loving God.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Describe sociological explanations of belief in God. [33]
 (b) 'Sociology cannot explain God.' Discuss. [17]