

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION 2 (AS)

2769

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 paper/ answer booklet.

Write your answers on the separate answer booklet 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 Plato's arguments for the existence of the soul. [33]
 (b) 'Dawkins proves that humans cannot have souls.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain objections to the concept of reincarnation. [33]
 (b) 'Reincarnation must be true because it makes sense of the problem of evil.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain arguments for the divine inspiration of scripture. [33]
 (b) 'The implications of the view that scripture is divinely inspired show quite clearly that it is not.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer one question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain how analogical language can be used to express an understanding of God. [33]
 (b) 'Analogy explains nothing about God.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain how the *via negativa* (Apophatic way) deals with the problem of understanding God. [33]
 (b) 'The *via negativa* has more disadvantages than advantages.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain Hume's view that no sensible person can believe in miracles. [33]
 (b) 'No sensible person can believe in miracles.' Discuss. [17]