

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2761

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION 1 (AS)

Thursday

8 JUNE 2006

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 how teleological arguments attempt to prove the existence of God. [33]
 (b) 'Mill proved that teleological arguments cannot prove the existence of God.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain how Kant's understanding of morality leads him to assume the existence of God. [33]
 (b) 'Kant's assumption that God exists is wrong.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain William James' argument that the nature of religious experience proves the existence of God. [33]
 (b) 'Religious experiences are nothing more than a product of the human mind.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer one question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain why Anselm's ontological argument concludes that God has to exist. [33]
 (b) 'Anselm's ontological argument is wrong.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain how Irenaeus and Augustine account for the existence of moral evil. [33]
 (b) 'The sufferings of innocent people destroy any attempt to explain why God allows moral evil.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain psychological objections to religious belief. [33]
 (b) 'Psychological objections to religious belief are nonsense.' Discuss. [17]