

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2769

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION 2 (AS)

Thursday

8 JUNE 2006

Afternoon

1 hour

Additional materials:

8 page 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 the views of Plato and Dawkins on the nature of the soul. [33]
 (b) 'Plato was right about the soul.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain the relationship between theories of resurrection of the body and the problem of evil. [33]
 (b) 'Theories of life after death cannot solve the problem of the evil which happens in this life.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain the concept of God's revelation to humanity through holy scripture. [33]
 (b) 'Revelation through holy scripture has more authority than revelation through religious experience.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer one question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain how symbol has been used to express an understanding of God. [33]
 (b) 'God is beyond human language, so cannot be understood by symbol.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain the implications of the verification principle for religious belief. [33]
 (b) 'The important point about religious language is that it is not verifiable.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Explain Wiles' criticisms of miracles. [33]
 (b) 'Miracle stories are simply inventions to strengthen faith.' Discuss. [17]