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RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Philosophy of Religion 1 (AS)
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Afternoon

Time: 1 hour

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the answer booklet.
- 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 total number of marks for this paper is 100.
- The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.

This document 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 Copleston's version of the cosmological argument. [33]
 (b) 'Copleston's argument does not prove that God exists.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain how Paley uses observations of a purposeful and ordered universe to prove the existence of God. [33]
 (b) 'Paley's arguments are weaker than the criticisms of them.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain how Augustine understands the role of human free will. [33]
 (b) 'The world was made perfect so God cannot be responsible for the existence of evil.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain Freud's conclusions about the nature of religious belief. [33]
 (b) 'Psychological explanations present no real threat to belief in God.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain how Descartes' ontological argument claims that if you understand what God is then you must accept that God exists. [33]
 (b) To what extent is Kant's view that 'existence is not a perfection' a valid criticism of the ontological argument? [17]
- 6 (a) Explain psychological understandings of religion. [33]
 (b) 'Psychology does not present a challenge to religion.' Discuss. [17]

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