

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Philosophy of Religion 2 (AS)

WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2008

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Morning
Time: 1 hour

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- 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 for each question 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 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 how an experience of the 'numinous' may lead to an understanding of the nature of God. [33]
 (b) 'Only numinous experiences should be accepted as veridical.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain how God can be revealed to humanity through myth. [33]
 (b) 'Myth reveals more about God than analogy does.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain how different theories of analogy express the nature of God. [33]
 (b) 'Despite the attempts of philosophers, religious language is still meaningless.' Discuss. [17]

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Explain what is meant by the concept of resurrection. [33]
 (b) 'The concept of resurrection is incoherent.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Explain why some philosophers argue that belief in an afterlife solves the problem of evil. [33]
 (b) 'The promise of an afterlife is an inadequate response to the problem of evil.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Give an account of how God reveals himself to the world through miracles. [33]
 (b) 'All criticisms of miracles have proved to be invalid.' Discuss. [17]

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