

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Philosophy of Religion 1

**TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008**

**2761**

Afternoon  
Time: 1 hour

**Additional materials (enclosed):** None

**Additional materials (required):**  
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **two** questions, one from each part.
- Do **not** answer two questions from the same part.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the separate Answer Booklet provided.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the number of each question attempted in the grid on the front of the Answer Booklet.

**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.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.

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 the strengths and weaknesses of Aquinas' teleological argument. [33]  
 (b) 'Human beings see "design" in the universe where none exists.' Discuss. [17]
- 2 (a) Explain Freud's challenges to William James' conclusions about religious experience. [33]  
 (b) 'There is no conclusive evidence for the truth of religious experience.' Discuss. [17]
- 3 (a) Explain Russell's objections to the cosmological argument. [33]  
 (b) 'Copleston proved Russell wrong during their radio debate.' Discuss. [17]

### Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

- 4 (a) Describe how Augustine and Irenaeus explain the origin of evil. [33]  
 (b) 'There is no problem of evil because God is not all powerful.' Discuss. [17]
- 5 (a) Describe how sociologists, such as Durkheim, explain the role of religion in society. [33]  
 (b) 'Sociologists fail to explain belief in God.' Discuss. [17]
- 6 (a) Describe sociological explanations of religious belief. [33]  
 (b) To what extent have sociologists succeeded in 'explaining away' religion? [17]

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