

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Philosophy of Religion 2 (AS)

TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008

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Afternoon Time: 1 hour



Additional materials (enclosed): None

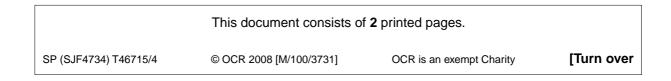
Additional materials (required): Answer Booklet (8 pages)

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**.





Answer two questions, one from Part 1 and one from Part 2.

Part 1

Answer **one** question from this part.

1	(a)	Explain what is meant by propositional revelation.	[33]	
	(b)	'The belief that scripture is divinely inspired is an illusion.' Discuss.	[17]	
2	(a)	Explain the use made by philosophers, such as Tillich, of symbol to express religious ideas. [33]		
	(b)	'Philosophers, such as Tillich, failed to improve on other philosophical attempts to exp religious ideas.' Discuss.	ress [17]	
3	(a)	Explain the strengths and weaknesses of the falsification principle.	[33]	
	(b)	'Falsification fails to show that religious language is meaningless.' Discuss.	[17]	

Part 2

Answer **one** question from this part.

4	(a)	Compare and contrast Plato's and Hick's understanding of the concept of the soul.	[33]
	(b)	'Hick's views are more likely to be true than those of Plato.' Discuss.	[17]
5	(a)	Describe how belief in rebirth makes the existence of evil more understandable.	[33]
	(b)	'Belief in rebirth makes no sense.' Discuss.	[17]
6	(a)	Explain how personal religious experience might be recognised as evidence of God.	[33]

(b) 'There is no such thing as religious experience.' Discuss. [17]

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