

**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**.

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 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 express religious ideas.' Discuss. [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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