



GCE A level

1348/03

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RS3 PHIL - Studies in Philosophy of Religion

A.M. MONDAY, 13 June 2011

1³/₄ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer book.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 50 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

Part (*a*) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding.

Part (*b*) of each question tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.

You are reminded of the need for good English and orderly, clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Assessment will take into account the quality of written communication in all your answers.

Answer two questions.

1. (a) Explain **two** concepts of revelation. [30]
(b) Discuss to what extent revelation is an adequate basis for religious faith. [20]

2. (a) Explain the challenges that the principles of verification and falsification present to the meaningfulness of religious language. [30]
(b) Discuss how far these challenges to the meaningfulness of religious language have been successful. [20]

3. (a) Examine differences between religious and scientific accounts of the origins of the universe. [30]
(b) 'Religious and scientific views of the origins of the universe cannot be reconciled.'
Evaluate this contention. [20]

4. (a) Examine the religious concepts of 'free will' and 'predestination', with reference to authorities that you have studied. [30]
(b) 'Free-will is an illusion.'
Assess this view. [20]