



GCE AS/A level

1343/01

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS1/2 PHIL
Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

A.M. TUESDAY, 13 May 2014

1 hour 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 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 45 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 how the existence of God may be proved by cosmological arguments. [30]
(b) 'Cosmological arguments are unable to establish God's existence.'
Assess this view. [15]
2. (a) Explain the main challenges to the teleological argument for the existence of God. [30]
(b) 'The teleological argument for God's existence is not persuasive.'
Assess this view. [15]
3. (a) Explain the particular problems caused for religious believers by animal, innocent and immense suffering. [30]
(b) 'The Augustinian theodicy provides an adequate explanation for animal, innocent and immense suffering.'
Assess this view. [15]
4. (a) Explain how **one** religious mystic has shown mysticism in practice. [30]
(b) 'Mystical experiences remain valuable even when challenged by those that doubt their authenticity.'
Assess this view. [15]

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