



GCE A level

1348/03

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 PHIL
Studies in Philosophy of Religion

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 11 June 2014

1 hour 45 minutes

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 the propositional and non-propositional concepts of revelation. [30]
(b) 'It is only through revelation that God is known.'
Assess this view. [20]
2. (a) Explain how the principles of verification and falsification challenge the meaningfulness of religious language. [30]
(b) 'The verification and falsification principles are convincing arguments against the meaningfulness of religious language.'
Assess this view. [20]
3. (a) Examine religious views of the origins of human life. [30]
(b) 'Religious and scientific views of the origins of human life are incompatible.'
Assess this view. [20]
4. (a) Examine the main features of:
(i) 'soft determinism'
and
(ii) 'predestination'. [30]
(b) 'A person cannot believe in both predestination and free-will.'
Assess this view. [20]

END OF PAPER