



GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 2

An Introduction to Religion and Ethics and the Philosophy of Religion

THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2017 – MORNING

1 hour 45 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use pencil or gel pen. Do not use correction fluid.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question in Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left hand margin at the start of each answer

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 60 marks.

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

You are reminded of the need to:

- reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.
- understand, interpret and evaluate critically religious concepts, texts and other sources.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this unit.
- construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

UNIT 2 – An Introduction to Religion and Ethics

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

Part (b) of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

Section A

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

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- (a) Compare how Bentham and Mill attempted to achieve the 'greatest happiness for the greatest number'. [30]
- (b) 'Mill's version of Utilitarianism gives clearer guidance than Bentham's when making moral decisions.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- (a) Compare how the Divine Command Theory and Ethical Egoism define what makes an action moral. [30]
- (b) 'Morality is whatever God commands.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

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Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

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- (a) Explain Aquinas' cosmological arguments for the existence of God. [30]
- (b) 'Cosmological arguments for God's existence are not persuasive.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- (a) Explain what is meant by the problem of evil. [30]
- (b) 'Augustinian type theodicies solve the problem of evil.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

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