



**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**

FRIDAY, 25 MAY 2018 – 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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| <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | (a) Apply Fletcher's Situation Ethics to ethical issues relating to homosexual relationships. <span style="float: right;">[30]</span> |
|          |          | (b) 'Agape (selfless love) should replace all religious rules.'<br>Evaluate this view. <span style="float: right;">[30]</span>        |

**Or,**

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| <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | (a) Apply Bentham's hedonic calculus to the use of nuclear weapons as a deterrent. <span style="float: right;">[30]</span> |
|          |          | (b) 'Pleasure is the only true basis for morality.'<br>Evaluate this view. <span style="float: right;">[30]</span>         |

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### Section B

*Answer one question from this section.*

**Either,**

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| <b>0</b> | <b>3</b> | (a) Explain the different ontological arguments for the existence of God presented by Anselm and Malcolm. <span style="float: right;">[30]</span> |
|          |          | (b) 'The ontological arguments for God's existence are completely ineffective.'<br>Evaluate this view. <span style="float: right;">[30]</span>    |

**Or,**

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| <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> | (a) Explain the different teleological arguments for the existence of God presented by Aquinas and Tennant. <span style="float: right;">[30]</span>                   |
|          |          | (b) 'Scientific arguments are more persuasive than teleological arguments in explaining the universe.'<br>Evaluate this view. <span style="float: right;">[30]</span> |

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