

A-level RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 1: Philosophy of religion and ethics

Tuesday 5 June 2018

Morning

Time allowed: 3 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer:
 - **both** two-part questions from Section A
 - **both** two-part questions from Section B.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each two-part question in Sections A and B, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of analysis and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A: Philosophy of religion

Answer **both** questions in this section.
Each question has two parts.

Question 1

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Examine Hick's soul making theodicy and how it influences attitudes to evil and suffering.

[10 marks]

and

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'The ontological argument proves the existence of God.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Question 2

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Examine the meaning of each of the following:

- Religious language is symbolic.
- Religious language is analogical.

[10 marks]

and

0	2	.	2
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'Religion has no satisfactory response to the challenge of the verification principle.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Section B: Ethics and religion

Answer **both** questions in this section.
Each question has two parts.

Question 3

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Examine the approach taken to moral decision making by virtue ethics. You must illustrate your answer with reference to the issue of lying.

[10 marks]

and

0	3	.	2
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'Virtue ethics provides no clear guidance for moral decision making.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Question 4

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Examine the meaning of right and wrong in:

- Divine Command Theory
- Intuitionism.

[10 marks]

and

0	4	.	2
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'Humanity has no moral responsibility for its actions.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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