A-level
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Paper 1: Philosophy of religion and ethics

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

01.1 Examine Hick’s soul making theodicy and how it influences attitudes to evil and suffering. [10 marks]

and

01.2 ‘The ontological argument proves the existence of God.’

Evaluate this claim. [15 marks]

Question 2

02.1 Examine the meaning of each of the following:
• Religious language is symbolic.
• Religious language is analogical. [10 marks]

and

02.2 ‘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

0 3 . 1 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 'Virtue ethics provides no clear guidance for moral decision making.'

Evaluate this claim. [15 marks]

Question 4

0 4 . 1 Examine the meaning of right and wrong in:
• Divine Command Theory
• Intuitionism. [10 marks]

and

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

Evaluate this claim. [15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS
There are no questions on this page