



GCE AS



B120U20-1

WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 2022 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS component 2

**An Introduction to the Philosophy of
Religion**

**1 hour 30 minutes plus your additional
time allowance**

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Answer TWO questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

Write the question number in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer.

(Turn over)

Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 50 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 component.**

(Turn over)

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- **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.**

(Turn over)

**COMPONENT 2 – AN INTRODUCTION TO
THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

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,

01 (a)

Explain Descartes' AND Malcolm's ontological arguments for the existence of God. [25 marks]

(b) 'Ontological arguments are more persuasive than cosmological arguments for God's existence.' Evaluate this view. [25 marks]

(Turn over)

OR,

02 (a)

Explain challenges to ontological arguments with reference to Kant AND Gaunilo. [25 marks]

**(b) ‘A priori arguments for God’s existence are not persuasive.’
Evaluate this view. [25 marks]**

(Turn over)

SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER,

03 (a)

Explain the problem of evil with reference to William Rowe AND Gregory S. Paul. [25 marks]

(b) 'Irenaean type theodicies solve the problem of evil.'

Evaluate this view. [25 marks]

(Turn over)

OR,

04 (a)

Explain Caroline Franks Davis' challenges to the objectivity and authenticity of religious experience. [25 marks]

(b) 'Religious experience has no impact on religious belief and practice.' Evaluate this view. [25 marks]

(Turn over)

OR,

05 (a)

Outline David Hume's challenges to cosmological AND teleological arguments. [25 marks]

- (b) 'Teleological arguments for God's existence are persuasive in the 21st century.'**
Evaluate this view. [25 marks]

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