



GCE A level

1348/03

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – RS3 PHIL
Studies in Philosophy of Religion

A.M. THURSDAY, 6 June 2013

1¾ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 50 marks.

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

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

Part (*b*) of each question tests your skills of reasoning and evaluation.

You are reminded of the need for good English and orderly, clear presentation in your answers.

All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Assessment will take into account the quality of written communication in all your answers.

Answer two questions.

1. (a) Explain how the ontological argument tries to prove the existence of God. [30]
(b) 'Faith is more valid if it is based on reasoned argument than on revelation.'
Assess this view. [20]
2. (a) Explain the concepts of religious language as:
(i) analogy **and**
(ii) symbol [30]
(b) 'Religious language can be understood only by believers.'
Assess this view. [20]
3. (a) Examine what philosophers understand by the term 'miracle'. [30]
(b) 'No definition of miracle is adequate.'
Assess this view. [20]
4. (a) Explain why religious believers may accept the concept of free will. [30]
(b) 'It is only belief in free will that influences moral behaviour.'
Assess this view. [20]