



GCE A LEVEL – NEW

A120U30-1



RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A level component 3
Religion and Ethics

MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2018 – AFTERNOON

2 hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

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.

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.
- account for the influence of social; religious and historical factors on the developments in the study of religions and belief.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this component, including the views of scholars and academics.
- identify and analyse the nature of connections between the components you have studied.
- construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.

Component 3 – 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,

1. (a) Explain hard determinism with reference to philosophical, scientific and psychological concepts. [20]
- (b) 'The philosophical concept of hard determinism clearly illustrates humanity has no free will.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

2. (a) Explain libertarianism with reference to philosophical, scientific and psychological concepts. [20]
- (b) 'The libertarian concept of psychology inevitably leads to the belief that we are totally free.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Section B

Answer one question from this section.

Either,

3. (a) Explain the meta-ethical approach of Emotivism, including reference to A.J. Ayer. [20]
- (b) 'Moral terms, like right and wrong, are no more than expressions of our emotions.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

4. (a) Examine **both** the deontological **and** teleological features of Aquinas' Natural Law. [20]
- (b) 'Natural Law is meaningless without belief in a creator God.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

5. (a) Examine **both** the deontological **and** teleological features of Rule Utilitarianism. [20]
- (b) 'Act Utilitarianism provides a better basis for making moral decisions than Rule Utilitarianism.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

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