



GCE AS/A LEVEL

2120U20-1

THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2024 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 2

**An Introduction to Religion and Ethics and
the Philosophy of Religion**

**1 hour 45 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 ONE question from Section A and ONE question from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

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

Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

(Turn over)

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 60 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 unit.**
- **construct well-informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.**

(Turn over)

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- **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.**
- **use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.**

(Turn over)

UNIT 2 – An Introduction to 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,

01(a) Explain how Robert Adams modified Divine Command Theory.

[30 marks]

**(b) ‘Divine Command Theory is clearly superior to Ethical Egoism.’
Evaluate this view. [30 marks]**

(Turn over)

OR,

02(a) Explain how Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill measure pleasure differently. [30 marks]

**(b) 'Utilitarianism provides a practical basis for making moral decisions for non-believers.'
Evaluate this view. [30 marks]**

(Turn over)

UNIT 2 – An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion

Part a) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.

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SECTION B

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER,

03(a) Explain David Hume's challenges to teleological arguments. [30 marks]

**(b) 'Inductive arguments for God's existence are persuasive.'
Evaluate this view. [30 marks]**

(Turn over)

OR,

04(a) Outline the problem of evil with reference to Epicurus AND John L. Mackie. [30 marks]

**(b) 'There is no problem of evil for religious believers.'
Evaluate this view. [30 marks]**

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