



GCE A LEVEL – **NEW**

**1120U50-1**

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES – A2 UNIT 5**

**PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

**MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2018 – AFTERNOON**

**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 THREE questions.**

**ONE QUESTION FROM SECTION A.**

**TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.**

**Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

**Each question carries 30 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 unit, including the views of scholars and academics**
- identify and analyse the nature of connections between the units you have studied**
- 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**
- **use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.**

## UNIT 5 – PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

**Section A questions test your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.**

**Section B questions test 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. Examine the criticisms of verification and falsification in relation to religious language. [30]**

**OR,**

- 2. Explain Freud's view of religious belief. [30]**

**SECTION B**

**Answer TWO questions from this section.**

- 3. 'Religious experiences have little influence on religious beliefs and practices.'**  
**Evaluate this view. [30]**
  
- 4. 'Religious responses to New Atheism have been unsuccessful.'**  
**Evaluate this view. [30]**
  
- 5. 'The definition of miracle, as written by Hume, is the least problematic of all definitions of miracle.'**  
**Evaluate this view. [30]**
  
- 6. 'Symbolic religious language is only meaningful for religious believers.'**  
**Evaluate this view. [30]**

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