



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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THURSDAY, 22 MAY 2025 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 2

An Introduction to Religion and Ethics and the Philosophy of Religion

1 hour 45 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer,

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

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.
- 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 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,

0	1	a) Apply either Bentham's Act or Mill's Rule Utilitarianism to the issue of experimenting on animals for medical research.	[30]
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		b) 'Pleasure is the only intrinsic good.' Evaluate this view.	[30]
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Or,

0	2	a) Apply Aquinas' Natural Law to the issue of abortion.	[30]
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		b) 'All human laws should be based on Natural Law.' Evaluate this view.	[30]
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UNIT 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 B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either,

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- a) Explain Augustinian type theodicies. [30]
- b) 'Augustinian type theodicies are still relevant in the 21st Century.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

Or,

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- a) Examine the different versions of the ontological argument as presented by Descartes **and** Malcolm. [30]
- b) 'The challenges to the ontological argument for God's existence are effective.'
Evaluate this view. [30]

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