

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2761

Philosophy of Religion 1 (AS)

WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2008

Morning

Time: 1 hour

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.
- If you use extra sheets of paper, fasten the sheets to the answer booklet.
- Answer two questions, one from each part.
- Do not answer two questions from the same part.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
- The quality of your written communication will be taken into account.

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Answer two questions, one from Part 1 and one from Part 2.

Part 1

Answer one question from this part.

| 1 | (a) | Explain Kant's moral argument including his concept of the 'summum bonum'. | [33] |
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| | (b) | 'Human immorality proves that there is no God'. Discuss. | [17] |
| 2 | (a) | Explain Gaunilo's argument in 'On Behalf of the Fool'. | [33] |
| | (b) | 'All existence is contingent.' Discuss. | [17] |
| 3 | (a) | Explain how Augustine and Irenaeus account for the existence of natural evil. | [33] |
| | (b) | 'The universe is filled with too much random evil for there to be a God.' Discuss. | [17] |
| | | Part 2 | |
| | | Answer one question from this part. | |
| 4 | (a) | Explain how Marx challenged belief in religious experience. | [33] |
| | (b) | 'Marx added nothing to our understanding of religious experience.' Discuss. | [17] |
| 5 | (a) | Explain the strengths and weaknesses of Aquinas' cosmological arguments. | [33] |
| | (b) | 'Aquinas was wrong because the universe is just a brute fact.' Discuss. | [17] |
| 6 | (a) | Describe how psychologists such as Jung explained and assessed religious belief. | [33] |
| | (b) | 'Psychologists have failed to help people understand religious belief.' Discuss. | [17] |

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