

A-level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Specimen 2018

Morning

Time allowed: 3 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer:
 - **both** two-part questions from Section A
 - **both** two-part questions from Section B
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each two-part question in Sections A and B, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of analysis and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A: Philosophy of Religion

Answer **both** questions in this section.
Each question has two parts.

Question 01

0 1 . **1** Examine how faith in God may be challenged by natural and moral evil. **[10 marks]**

and

0 1 . **2** 'The freewill defence is inadequate as a theodicy.'
Evaluate this claim. **[15 marks]**

Question 02

0 2 . **1** Examine how the meaningfulness of religious language has been challenged. **[10 marks]**

and

0 2 . **2** 'Language game theory shows that religious language is meaningful.'
Evaluate this claim. **[15 marks]**

Turn over for Section B

Section B: Ethics

Answer **both** questions in this section.
Each question has two parts.

Question 03

0 3 . **1** Examine the differences between a deontological and a teleological approach to **religious** ethical decision-making. Illustrate your answer with reference to lying.

[10 marks]

and

0 3 . **2** 'A deontological system of ethical decision-making is unsatisfactory.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

Question 04

0 4 . **1** Examine differing views about the use of conscience as a guide to moral decision-making.

[10 marks]

and

0 4 . **2** 'Virtue Ethics has no satisfactory answer to the ethical problems of embryo research.'

Evaluate this claim.

[15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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