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# Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 8

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An Introduction to the  
Philosophy of Religion



**[SRE81]**  
**MONDAY 13 JUNE, MORNING**

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## TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

**You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.**

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

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

## ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

You are advised to take account of the marks for each part question in allocating the available examination time.

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## Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) "God has a purpose for the existence of evil and suffering."  
Examine this statement with reference to the Irenaean theodicy. [25]
- (b) Evaluate the claim that Irenaeus fails to answer the problem of human suffering.  
Justify your answer. [25]
- 2 (a) With reference to specific examples, discuss the main features of  
religious experience. [25]
- (b) "Mystical experiences are subjective and verification is impossible."  
To what extent is this true? Justify your answer. [25]



## Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) Explain any **two** of Aquinas' Five Ways to support the existence of God. [25]

(b) "The emphasis on human reason alone has led to the growth of secularisation."

Assess the truth of this claim with reference to other aspects of human experience. Justify your answer. [25]

4 (a) With particular reference to the views of Richard Swinburne, explain the Christian case in favour of miracles. [25]

(b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate the view that healing miracles are simply psychosomatic events. Justify your answer. [25]

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