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An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

[AR171]

MONDAY 18 JUNE, MORNING



TIME

1 hour 20 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

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

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

- 1 (a) Explain the teaching of Augustine concerning the origins and purpose of evil and suffering. [35]
- (b) Comment on the claim that Augustine's theodicy presents a negative view of God. Justify your answer. [15]
- 2 (a) Describe and explain the main features of belief in resurrection and immortality of the soul. [35]
- (b) Comment on the view that the problems associated with such beliefs cannot be easily overcome. Justify your answer. [15]

Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

- 3 (a) Explain the main challenges to the arguments for the existence of God. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, explore the claim that the impact of the "death of God" has been negative. Justify your answer. [15]
- 4 (a) Using examples, give an account of what is understood by the term miracle. [35]
- (b) With reference to other aspects of human experience, comment on the claim that miracles are a product of wishful thinking. Justify your answer. [15]

