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Religious Studies

Assessment Unit AS 8

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An Introduction to the
Philosophy of Religion



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1 hour 20 minutes.

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

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Section A

Answer **one** question from Section A

1 (a) Discuss Anselm's contribution to the Ontological Argument. [25]

(b) "The Ontological Argument is by far the strongest argument for the existence of God."

Consider how far this view is accurate. Justify your answer. [25]

2 (a) "Miracles appeal to the uneducated and gullible."

With reference to this statement, give an account of Hume's critique of miracles. [25]

(b) Comment on the claim that miracles are an essential and meaningful part of religious belief. Justify your answer. [25]



Section B

Answer **one** question from Section B

3 (a) Examine Camus' views on innocent suffering. [25]

(b) "Suffering and evil are simply part of the natural order of the universe."

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

4 (a) Discuss the significance of the teachings of Martin Buber concerning religious experience. [25]

(b) "Religious conversion is a mistake since God does not exist."

With reference to other aspects of human experience, evaluate this claim. Justify your answer. [25]

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