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Religious Studies

Advanced

Paper 4: Study of Religion

Option 4B: Christianity

Wednesday 20 June 2018 – Morning

Time: 2 hours

Paper Reference

9RS0/4B

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1 Explore key ideas associated with pluralism.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

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2 Assess the view that science may replace a Christian interpretation of the universe.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

GOD IS A DELUSION – A ‘PSYCHOTIC DELINQUENT’ invented by mad, deluded people. That’s the take-home message of *The God Delusion*. Although Dawkins does not offer a rigorous definition of a delusion, he clearly means a belief that is not grounded in evidence – or, worse, that flies in the face of the evidence. Faith is “blind trust, in the absence of evidence, even in the teeth of evidence.” It is a “process of non-thinking.” It is “evil precisely because it requires no justification, and brooks no argument.” These core definitions of faith are hardwired into Dawkins’s worldview and are obsessively repeated throughout his writings. It is not a Christian definition of faith but one that Dawkins has invented to suit his own polemical purposes. It immediately defines those who believe in God as people who have lost touch with reality – as those who are deluded.

(Source: Extract adapted from ‘*The Dawkins Delusion*’ - Chapter 1, ‘*Deluded About God?*’, McGrath, A., London: SPCK, 2007, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify Dawkins’s ideas about faith illustrated in this passage.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the strengths of McGrath's arguments in response to Dawkins.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



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SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

4 Evaluate the significance of modern views on the Trinity for Christianity.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Christianity have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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