A2 Examination Questions

**Religious Language**

1. Critically asses the use of symbol with the use of analogy to express human understanding of God. [35]
2. Critically assess the views of Paul Tillich on religious language. [35]
3. Critically examine the use of myth as an approach to understanding the nature of God. [35]
4. ‘The Via Negativa (Apophatic Way) is the best method of describing God.’ Discuss. [35]
5. Discuss critically the use of symbol as a means of expressing ideas about God. [35]
6. To what extent can God reveal Himself through sacred writings? [35]
7. Critically compare the use of myth with the use of analogy to express human understanding of God. [35]
8. Critically assess the claim that religious language is meaningless. [35]

**Experience and religion**

1. Evaluate the claim that corporate religious experience is no more than an illusion. [35]
2. Critically examine the belief that Scripture is divinely inspired. [35]
3. To what extent can it be maintained that a literal interpretation of the Scripture removes all danger of

human error. [35]

**Nature of God**

1. ‘If God know what we are going to do He has no right to reward the good and punish the wicked.’

Discuss. [35]

1. Critically asses the philosophical problems raised by the belief that God is omniscient. [35]
2. ‘Sacred writings fail to reveal God.’ Discuss. [35]

**Life and Death**

1. Critically assess Dawkins’ claim that since life is no more than DNA reproducing itself there can be no life after death. [35]
2. Evaluate the claim that there can be no disembodied existence after death. [35]
3. ‘Hick’s views on the body/soul distinction are more coherent than those of Dawkins.’ Discuss. [35]
4. ‘There are no philosophical justifications for belief in resurrection.’ Discuss. [35]
5. ‘The idea that there is a distinction between the body and soul is an illusion.’ Discuss. [35]
6. ‘Innocent suffering is impossible to explain unless there is life after death.’ Discuss. [35]

**Miracles**

1. ‘A belief in miracles leads to the concept of a God who favours some but not all of his creation.’ Discuss. [35]
2. Critically assess the view that miracles prove the existence of God. [35]
3. ‘Miracle stories are an obstacle to faith for modern people.’ Discuss. [35]