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DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2018

TITLE OF PAPER : RELIGIOUS THOUGHT AND SOCIAL CONTEXT

COURSE CODE : TRS 206

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

MARKS : 75

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.**
- 3. BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A NEW PAGE.**
- 4. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLARITY, ACCURACY AND GOOD THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT.**

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QUESTION ONE

‘A good God would not punish people.’

What is meant by the phrase ‘God is good’? What are the philosophical questions that this phrase raises?

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QUESTION TWO

What is the basis for David Hume’s rejection of miracles in one’s religious experience?

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QUESTION THREE

How does Emile Durkheim’s functionalist theory of religion differ from that of Max Weber on social change?

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QUESTION FOUR

‘Arguments from design must fail because they do not prove the existence of a God who is all-powerful.’ Discuss.

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QUESTION FIVE

‘Freud’s objections destroy Kant’s moral argument for the existence of God.’

Critically discuss Sigmund Freud’s psychoanalytical perception of the moral argument for the existence of God.

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QUESTION SIX

'No one who is religious can be a terrorist'

With reference to religious conflicts between countries, to what extent is the above claim realistic? [25]

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