

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

ASSESSMENT TEST: Semester 2, 2006-2007  
STUDY UNIT: **PHI 2005 Philosophy of Religion**  
DATE: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
TIME: 8.00-10.00

*Please remember to write your:*

*Surname and Name*

*Question Number*

*on each foolscap.*

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Answer one question from each section.

Please use a separate foolscap for each answer

**Section A: Philosophy of Religion**

1. Is one restricted to metaphor when speaking about God?
2. It might be said that the modern era saw a shift in focus from Philosophical Theology to Philosophy of Religion. Comment.
3. "It is my view that the question whether there is or is not a god can be, and should be, discussed rationally and reasonably, and that such discussion can be rewarding, in that it can yield definite results" (J.L. Mackie). Discuss with reference to any kind of proof for the existence of God.

**Section B: Islamic Philosophy**

4. Describe the main features of Muslim intellectual life in the medieval period.
5. Describe the various types of intellect and their roles according to medieval Islamic philosophers.
6. Describe the role of the ruler, both as philosopher and as imâm in al-Farâbî's vision of the virtuous city.