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Religious Studies

Paper 7

An Introduction to
Philosophy of Religion



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THURSDAY 16 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Do not write outside the boxed area on each page or on blank pages.

Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **two** from **three** questions in **Section B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Section B Questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.



Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 The Existence of God

(a) (i) What is meant by the term “agnostic”?

_____ [1]

(ii) What is meant by the term “theist”?

_____ [1]

(iii) What is meant by the term “atheist”?

_____ [1]

(iv) Name **two** people associated with arguments for the existence of God.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]



2 The Nature of God

(a) (i) What is meant by the term “omnibenevolent”?

_____ [1]

(ii) What is meant by the term “knowable”?

_____ [1]

(iii) What is meant by the term “unknowable”?

_____ [1]

(iv) Give **one** example of a monotheistic religion.

_____ [1]

(v) Give **one** example of a polytheistic religion.

_____ [1]



Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

5 Experiencing God

- (a) Describe what religious believers might learn about the nature of God from looking at the world around them. [5]
- (b) Explain how worship allows a religious believer to experience God. [5]
- (c) “Miracles are not real, there is always another explanation.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. [10]

6 Life after Death

- (a) Describe the teaching from **one** world religion about the final judgement. [5]
- (b) Explain some of the features of near-death experiences. [5]
- (c) “Death should not be feared.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. [10]

7 The Problem of Evil and Suffering

- (a) Outline religious teaching about the origins of evil. [5]
- (b) Explain why the existence of evil may be a problem for some religious believers. [5]
- (c) “Suffering of the innocent serves no purpose.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view. [10]





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