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Religious Studies

Paper 7

An Introduction to
Philosophy of Religion

MV18

[GRE71]

FRIDAY 7 JUNE, MORNING

Time

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

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 on blank pages.

Complete in black ink only.

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 at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 Life after death

(a) (i) What is meant by the term reincarnation? [1 mark]

(ii) Name **one** world religion that believes in reincarnation. [1 mark]

(iii) What is meant by the term resurrection? [1 mark]

(iv) Name **one** world religion that believes in resurrection. [1 mark]

(v) What is the name given to those who reject belief in God and the afterlife? [1 mark]

2 Experiencing God

(a) (i) Name a religious leader from **two** world religions you have studied. [2 marks]

(ii) What is meant by the term revelation of God?
[1 mark]

(iii) Give **one** example of general revelation. [1 mark]

(iv) Give **one** example of special revelation. [1 mark]

(b) Do you think miracles prove the existence of God?

Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

3 Creationism and science



(a) Outline the Big Bang theory. [5 marks]

(b) Explain religious views about the role of humanity in the created order. [5 marks]

4 The problem of evil and suffering

(a) Describe religious beliefs about the origins of evil.
[5 marks]

(b) Do you think humans should be blamed for all suffering in the world today?

Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

(c) "A loving God would stop all evil."

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [5 marks]

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Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

5 The existence of God

- (a) Outline Paley's argument from design for the existence of God. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain some of the reasons why people reject the argument from design. [5 marks]
- (c) "The moral argument is the strongest argument for the existence of God."

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

6 Life after death

- (a) Describe some key features associated with near death experiences. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain religious beliefs about final judgement. [5 marks]
- (c) "It is difficult to believe that there is life after death."

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

7 Nature of God

- (a) Outline what **one** world religion teaches about polytheism. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain God's omnibenevolent and omnipotent nature. [5 marks]
- (c) "God is knowable and actively involved in people's lives today."

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

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