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Religious Studies

Paper 7

An Introduction to
Philosophy of Religion

MV18

[GRE71]

WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, AFTERNOON

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

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 The nature of God

(a) (i) What is meant by the following terms:
[1 mark for each]

Omnibenevolent?

Omnipotent?

Transcendent?

(ii) Give **one** example of a monotheistic religion.
[1 mark]

(iii) Give **one** example of a polytheistic religion.
[1 mark]

2 The problem of evil and suffering

(a) (i) Give **two** examples of moral evil.

[1 mark for each]

1. _____

2. _____

(ii) Give **two** examples of natural evil.

[1 mark for each]

1. _____

2. _____

(iii) What is meant by the term God's providence?

[1 mark]

3 Experiencing God



(a) Describe how God is revealed through a religious leader you have studied. [5 marks]

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Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

5 The nature of God

- (a) Describe what sacred texts reveal about the nature of God. [5 marks]

- (b) Explain what believers understand by God's immanence. [5 marks]

- (c) "Contrasting beliefs about God make it difficult for people to have religious faith."

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

6 Experiencing God

- (a) Describe, using examples, what is meant by general revelation. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain how revelation can lead to religious faith. [5 marks]
- (c) “Religious experiences are nothing more than wish fulfilment.”

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

7 Creationism and science

- (a) Describe what **one** world religion teaches about the creation of the universe. [5 marks]
- (b) Explain how the First Cause argument helps religious believers understand the origins of the universe. [5 marks]
- (c) “The influence of science has created an agnostic and atheistic society in the 21st century.”

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

6 Experiencing God

(a) Describe, using examples, what is meant by general revelation. [5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

7 Creationism and science

(a) Describe what **one** world religion teaches about the creation of the universe. [5 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

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