



General Certificate of Secondary Education

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Religious Studies

Paper 7

An Introduction to
Philosophy of Religion



[GRE71]
Assessment

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TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

Assessment Level of Control:

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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 Experiencing God

(a) (i) What is meant by the term special revelation?

_____ [1]

(ii) Give **one** example of special revelation.

_____ [1]

(iii) What is meant by the term worship?

_____ [1]

(iv) Give **one** example of worship.

_____ [1]

(v) Give an example of a sacred text.

_____ [1]



2 Life After Death

(a) (i) What is a near death experience?

_____ [1]

(ii) Give **one** feature of a near death experience.

_____ [1]

(iii) What is meant by the term afterlife?

_____ [1]

(iv) Give **one** example of how a person might prepare for the afterlife.

_____ [1]

(v) What is meant by the term reincarnation?

_____ [1]



Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

5 The Nature of God

- (a) Describe what **one** religion you have studied teaches about monotheism. [5]
- (b) Explain why some believers think of God as being both immanent and transcendent. [5]
- (c) “God is so removed from the universe that prayer is pointless.”

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

6 Experiencing God

- (a) Describe an example of a religious vision you have studied. [5]
- (b) Explain how an experience of God can lead to religious faith. [5]
- (c) “Religious worship should be at the heart of a believer’s religious practice.”

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

7 The Existence of God

- (a) Describe Paley’s Design Argument for the existence of God. [5]
- (b) Explain why some people do not feel that proofs are necessary to explain the existence of God. [5]
- (c) “All arguments for the existence of God are totally convincing.”

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





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