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# Religious Studies

Paper 7

An Introduction to  
Philosophy of Religion



[GRE71]

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**TUESDAY 6 JUNE, AFTERNOON**

## 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.**

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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) Name two world religions.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

2. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(ii) Name a sacred text from a religion you have studied.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(iii) What is meant by the term general revelation?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(iv) What is meant by the term special revelation?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]





## 2 The existence of God

- (a) (i) Name a philosopher associated with the First Cause argument for the existence of God.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (ii) Which philosopher is associated with the argument from design?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (iii) What is meant by the following words?

Omnipotent \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

Omniscient \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

Omnipresent \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- (b) Do you think it is important for religious believers to have evidence for the existence of God?

Give reasons for your answer.

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## Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

### 5 Experiencing God

- (a) Describe how some religious believers have experienced God through visions. [5]
- (b) Explain how miracles may support a believer's faith. [5]
- (c) "Everyone should accept that religious experiences are real."

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

### 6 The problem of evil and suffering

- (a) Describe, using examples, what is meant by natural and moral evil. [5]
- (b) Explain some of the issues presented by innocent suffering and God's providence. [5]
- (c) "Religious believers should accept that suffering is unavoidable."

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

### 7 Creationism and science

- (a) Outline the theory of evolution. [5]
- (b) Explain how scientific ideas about the origins of the universe do not challenge some religious believers. [5]
- (c) "Religious stories about creation are still relevant."

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





























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