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**Religious, Moral and
Philosophical Studies**

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Total marks — 80

SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 27 marks

Attempt ONE part.

SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 marks

Attempt ONE part.

SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 26 marks

Attempt ONE part.

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

You must leave your answer booklet on your desk; if you do not, you could lose all the marks for this paper.



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SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 27 MARKS

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Part A — Buddhism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Buddhism**.

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| 1. | What do Buddhists believe about the Buddha? | 6 |
| 2. | (a) Describe Buddhist belief about samsara. | 5 |
| | (b) How might belief about samsara affect Buddhists? | 4 |
| 3. | (a) Describe how Buddhists might meditate. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'Meditation is not relevant in the modern world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part B — Christianity

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Christianity**.

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| 4. | What do Christians believe about Jesus? | 6 |
| 5. | (a) Describe Christian belief about heaven and hell. | 5 |
| | (b) How might belief about heaven and hell affect Christians? | 4 |
| 6. | (a) Describe how Christians might worship. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>‘Christian worship is not relevant in the modern world.’</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part C — Hinduism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Hinduism**.

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| 7. | What do Hindus believe about Krishna? | 6 |
| 8. | (a) Describe Hindu belief about samsara. | 5 |
| | (b) How might belief about samsara affect Hindus? | 4 |
| 9. | (a) Describe how Hindus might worship. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'Hindu worship is not relevant in the modern world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part D — Islam

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Islam**.

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| 10. | What do Muslims believe about Muhammed? | 6 |
| 11. | (a) Describe Muslim belief about Al-Jannah and Jahannam. | 5 |
| | (b) How might belief about Al-Jannah and Jahannam affect Muslims? | 4 |
| 12. | (a) Describe how Muslims might worship. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'Muslim worship is not relevant in the modern world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part E — Judaism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Judaism**.

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| 13. | What do Jews believe about 'Messiah'? | 6 |
| 14. | (a) Describe Jewish belief about Olam Ha-Ba. | 5 |
| | (b) How might belief about Olam Ha-Ba affect Jews? | 4 |
| 15. | (a) Describe how Jews might worship. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'Jewish worship is not relevant in the modern world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part F — Sikhism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Sikhism**.

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| 16. | What do Sikhs believe about the Guru Granth Sahib? | 6 |
| 17. | (a) Describe Sikh belief about karma. | 5 |
| | (b) How might belief about karma affect Sikhs? | 4 |
| 18. | (a) Describe how Sikhs might worship. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>‘Sikh worship is not relevant in the modern world.’</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 MARKS

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Part A — Morality and justice

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and justice**.

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| 19. | (a) | Describe different types of sentencing. | 5 |
| | (b) | Choose a non-religious view you have studied.
What does it say about capital punishment? | 5 |
| 20. | | Explain why the causes of crime raise moral issues. | 4 |
| 21. | | How might crime be prevented? | 5 |
| 22. | | <i>'Protection is the only morally acceptable purpose of punishment.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part B — Morality and relationships

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and relationships**.

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| 23. (a) What is meant by 'gender roles'? | 5 |
| (b) Choose a non-religious view you have studied.
What does it say about gender roles? | 5 |
| 24. Explain why exploitation raises moral issues. | 4 |
| 25. Describe different types of marriage. | 5 |
| 26. 'Sex is only morally acceptable within marriage.'
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part C — Morality, environment and global issues

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality, environment and global issues**.

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| 27. (a) Describe some types of aid. | 5 |
| (b) Choose a non-religious view you have studied.
What does it say about aid? | 5 |
| 28. Explain why trade raises moral issues. | 4 |
| 29. Describe different effects of poverty. | 5 |
| 30. <i>'Looking after the economy is the best way to protect our world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part D — Morality, medicine and the human body

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality, medicine and the human body**.

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| 31. (a) Describe different ways embryos might be used. | 5 |
| (b) Choose a non-religious view you have studied.
What does it say about the use of embryos? | 5 |
| 32. Explain why belief in the sanctity of life raises moral issues. | 4 |
| 33. What might hospice care include? | 5 |
| 34. <i>'Suffering people should be able to get help to end their lives.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part E — Morality and conflict

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and conflict**.

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| 35. (a) Describe different types of war. | 5 |
| (b) Choose a non-religious view you have studied.
What does it say about war? | 5 |
| 36. Explain why modern armaments raise moral issues. | 4 |
| 37. How might the environment be affected by war? | 5 |
| 38. <i>'Pacifism is not realistic in today's world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 26 MARKS

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Part A — Origins

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Origins**.

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| 39. | (a) | Describe the main points of one creation story. | 5 |
| | (b) | <i>'Religious people should take creation stories literally.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 40. | | Describe the main points of the theory of evolution. | 5 |
| 41. | (a) | What does science say about the origin of the universe? | 4 |
| | (b) | <i>'You can believe in both science and creation.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

Part B — The existence of God

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **The existence of God**.

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| 42. | (a) | Describe the main points of the teleological argument. | 5 |
| | (b) | <i>'Scientists can't accept the teleological argument.'</i> | |
| | | How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 43. | | What might people believe about the nature of God? | 5 |
| 44. | (a) | Describe the cosmological argument. | 4 |
| | (b) | <i>'The cosmological argument is convincing.'</i> | |
| | | How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part C — The problem of suffering and evil

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **The problem of suffering and evil**.

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| 45. (a) Choose one religious view you have studied.
How does it explain suffering and evil? | 5 |
| (b) <i>'Religion offers a good explanation for suffering and evil.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 46. What is meant by determinism? | 5 |
| 47. (a) What might people believe about the nature of God? | 4 |
| (b) <i>'Suffering means you can't have a good God.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

Part D — Miracles

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Miracles**.

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| 48. | (a) | Describe the main points of one scriptural miracle you have studied. | 5 |
| | (b) | <i>'Scriptural miracles are not convincing.'</i> | |
| | | How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 49. | | Why do some people believe in divine intervention? | 5 |
| 50. | (a) | What might people believe about the laws of nature? | 4 |
| | (b) | <i>'You can believe in both science and miracles.'</i> | |
| | | How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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