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NATIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS
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1.00 PM – 3.00 PM

RELIGIOUS, MORAL
AND PHILOSOPHICAL
STUDIES
ADVANCED HIGHER

Candidates should answer **two** questions:

one from Section A—Philosophy of Religion, and

one from the optional units, either Section B—Religious Experience or Section C—Medical Ethics.

Each **section** should be answered in a **separate** answer booklet.

30 marks are assigned to each question.



SECTION A

Philosophy of Religion

1. “If the universe had a beginning then God must be the explanation.”

How far do you agree?

Your answer **may** include:

- a description of arguments for God creating the universe
- analysis and evaluation of the implications of the statement
- personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

(30)

2. “The problem of evil is the most convincing argument in favour of atheist views on the non-existence of God.”

How far do you agree?

Your answer **may** include:

- a description of arguments concerning the problem of evil
- analysis and evaluation of the impact of these arguments on theism
- personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

(30)

SECTION B

Religious Experience

1. How successful have attempts been to define religious experience?

Your answer **may** include:

- a description of the definitions of religious experience
- analysis of different attempts to establish a definition
- evaluation of how successful these attempts have been
- personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

(30)

2. “Conversion is the most important category of religious experience.”

Why does such a claim cause debate?

Your answer **may** include:

- a definition of conversion and religious experience
- analysis and evaluation of the importance of conversion experiences within religion
- analysis and evaluation of other categories seen as more important
- personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

(30)

SECTION C

Medical Ethics

1. “Abortion is murder, albeit under a different name.”

Why does such a claim cause debate?

Your answer **may** include:

- a description of the religious and moral issues related to abortion
- analysis of the religious and moral issues related to the statement
- evaluation of the responses to the statement
- personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

(30)

2. “In today’s society consent for organ donation should be presumed.”

How far do you agree?

Your answer **may** include:

- a description of the current issues surrounding the procurement of organs
- analysis of the religious and moral issues arising from the procurement of organs
- evaluation of responses to the religious and moral issues arising from the statement
- personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

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