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**Religious, Moral and  
Philosophical Studies**

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Duration — 2 hours 15 minutes

**Total marks — 60**

**SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 20 marks**

Attempt ONE Part

**SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks**

Attempt ONE Part

**SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 20 marks**

Attempt ONE question from the Part you have chosen.

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.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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## SECTION 1 – WORLD RELIGION – 20 marks

## Part A – Buddhism

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied **Buddhism** in the *World Religion Unit*.

1. *Of all the beliefs Buddhists have, kamma is the one which has the greatest impact on their daily lives.*

How valid is this view?

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2. Analyse the significance of the ten precepts for followers of Buddhism.

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## SECTION 1 – WORLD RELIGION – 20 marks

## Part B – Christianity

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied **Christianity** in the *World Religion Unit*.

1. *Of all the beliefs Christians have, Jesus' resurrection is the one which has the greatest impact on their daily lives.*

How valid is this view?

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2. Analyse the significance of the gospels for followers of Christianity.

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## SECTION 1 – WORLD RELIGION – 20 marks

## Part C – Hinduism

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied **Hinduism** in the *World Religion Unit*.

1. *Of all the beliefs Hindus have, karma is the one which has the greatest impact on their daily lives.*

How valid is this view?

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2. Analyse the significance of the three margas for followers of Hinduism.

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## SECTION 1 – WORLD RELIGION – 20 marks

## Part D – Islam

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied Islam in the *World Religion Unit*.

1. *Of all the beliefs Muslims have, their role as khaliphas is the one which has the greatest impact on their daily lives.*

How valid is this view?

10

2. Analyse the significance of the five pillars for followers of Islam.

10

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## SECTION 1 – WORLD RELIGION – 20 marks

## Part E – Judaism

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied **Judaism** in the *World Religion Unit*.

1. *Of all the beliefs Jews have, being a chosen people is the one which has the greatest impact on their daily lives.*

How valid is this view?

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2. Analyse the significance of Yom Kippur for followers of Judaism.

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## SECTION 1 – WORLD RELIGION – 20 marks

## Part F – Sikhism

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied **Sikhism** in the *World Religion Unit*.

1. *Of all the beliefs Sikhs have, haumai is the one which has the greatest impact on their daily lives.*

How valid is this view?

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2. Analyse the significance of sewa for followers of Sikhism.

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## SECTION 2 – MORALITY AND BELIEF – 20 marks

## Part A – Religion and Justice

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied **Religion and Justice** in the *Morality and Belief Unit*.

1. *Capital punishment raises important moral issues.*  
In what ways does moral relativism offer guidance on capital punishment? 10
  
2. Evaluate a religious view on sentencing in the UK. 10

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## SECTION 2 – MORALITY AND BELIEF – 20 marks

## Part B – Religion and Relationships

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied **Religion and Relationships** in the *Morality and Belief Unit*.

1. *Marriage raises important moral issues.*

In what ways does moral relativism offer guidance on marriage?

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2. Evaluate a religious view on gender inequality.

10

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## SECTION 2 – MORALITY AND BELIEF – 20 marks

## Part C – Religion, Environment and Global Issues

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied **Religion, Environment and Global Issues** in the *Morality and Belief Unit*.

1. *Poverty raises important moral issues.*

In what ways does moral relativism offer guidance on poverty?

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2. Evaluate a religious view on fair trade.

10

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## SECTION 2 – MORALITY AND BELIEF – 20 marks

## Part D – Religion, Medicine and the Human Body

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied **Religion, Medicine and the Human Body** in the *Morality and Belief Unit*.

1. *The treatment of embryos raises important moral issues.*  
In what ways does moral relativism offer guidance on the treatment of embryos? 10
  
2. Evaluate a religious view on the sanctity of life. 10

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## SECTION 2 – MORALITY AND BELIEF – 20 marks

## Part E – Religion and Conflict

Attempt all the questions in this Part if you have studied **Religion and Conflict** in the *Morality and Belief Unit*.

1. *Strategies of modern warfare raise important moral issues.*  
In what ways does moral relativism offer guidance on strategies of modern warfare? 10
  
2. Evaluate a religious view on justifications for war. 10

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## SECTION 3 – RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS – 20 marks

## Part A – The Origins of Life

Attempt the question in this Part if you have studied **The Origins of Life** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions Unit*.

1. *Belief that a divine creator is responsible for the origins of life relies not only on faith, but also on reason.*

Discuss.

In your answer you should present a reasoned and well-structured view.

20

## SECTION 3 – RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS – 20 marks

## Part B – The Existence of God

Attempt the question in this Part if you have studied **The Existence of God** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions Unit*.

1. *Belief that the cosmological argument proves the existence of God relies not only on faith, but also on reason.*

Discuss.

In your answer you should present a reasoned and well-structured view.

**20**

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## Part C – The Problem of Evil and Suffering

Attempt the question in this Part if you have studied *The Problem of Evil and Suffering* in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions Unit*.

1. *Belief that free will is given by a God or Gods relies not only on faith, but also on reason.*

Discuss.

In your answer you should present a reasoned and well-structured view.

**20**



## SECTION 3 – RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS – 20 marks

## Part D – Miracles

Attempt the question in this Part if you have studied **Miracles** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions Unit*.

1. *Belief that miracles literally happen relies not only on faith, but also on reason.*

Discuss this view

In your answer you should present a reasoned and well-structured view.

**20**

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## Marking Instructions

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These Marking Instructions have been provided to show how SQA would mark this Specimen Question Paper.

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## General Marking Principles for Higher Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies

*This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this Paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidate responses.*

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must always be assigned in line with these General Marking Principles and the Detailed Marking Instructions for this assessment.
- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.
- (c) We use the term ‘or any other acceptable answer’ to allow for the possible variation in candidate responses. Credit should be given according to the accuracy and relevance of candidates’ answers. Candidates may be awarded marks where the answer is accurate but expressed in their own words.
- (d) For credit to be given, points must relate to the questions asked. Where candidates give points of knowledge without specifying the context, these should be rewarded, unless it is clear that they do not refer to the context of the question.

In this specimen paper the following skills are assessed:

- i. Critical analysis
- ii. Evaluation
- iii. Presenting reasoned and well-structured views

- i. **Critical analysis questions can be asked using the following question stems:**

*In what ways? / Analyse / Compare*

Analysis involves identifying parts, the relationship between them, and their relationships with the whole. It can also involve drawing out and relating implications.

An analysis mark should be awarded where a candidate identifies at least two relevant components (eg of an idea, theory, argument, etc) and clearly shows at least one of the following:

- links between different components
- links between component(s) and the whole
- links between component(s) and related concepts
- similarities and contradictions
- consistency and inconsistency
- different views/interpretations
- possible consequences/implications
- the relative importance of components
- understanding of underlying order or structure

Where a candidate makes more analytical points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.

### Some examples of analytical comments:

*One cause of poverty is trading agreements between rich countries and developing countries. These are traditionally set up in such a way that the rich countries benefit more from these arrangements than the poor countries. (1 mark for showing a link between poverty and trading arrangements)*

*The teachings of Jesus include loving your enemies, loving God and loving your neighbour as yourself which have important implications for Christians, ie they should do the same. (1 mark for showing a possible consequence/implication)*

### ii. Evaluation

Evaluation questions can be asked using the following question stems:

*How valid? / Evaluate*

Evaluation involves making a judgement based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:

- the relevance/importance/usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source
- positive and negative aspects
- strengths and weaknesses
- any other relevant evaluative comment

Candidates will be awarded up to a maximum of 4 marks for reasoned evaluative comments.

Where a candidate makes more evaluative points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.

### Some examples of evaluative comments:

*A strength of this view is that it does not prevent you making a profit out of people; it just asks you to make sure that you do not exploit them when you are making a profit. (1 mark for identifying a strength)*

*As the source suggests, haumai affects everyone, like a spiritual disease, and leads to the endless cycle of birth, death and rebirth. Therefore it is central to everyday life. (1 mark for identifying the relevance of a source)*

### iii. Presenting reasoned and well-structured views

Questions that require candidates to present reasoned and well-structured views can be asked using the following question stems:

*Discuss/To what extent?*

These types of questions require candidates to connect points of analysis and evaluation to construct an argument(s) leading to a clear overall judgement on the question.

**1 mark** will be awarded where the candidate makes a clear overall judgement on the question, supported by at least one valid and relevant reason.

A further **1 mark** will be awarded where the candidate also organises their overall response into a coherent line of argument in response to the question.

### **An example of an overall judgement**

*The Judeo-Christian concept of God creates problems for free will because if God is omniscient and knows everything that there is to know, including the future, then it is difficult to see how either reason or faith could be used to prove that there is such a thing as free will because it goes against all concepts of God. (1 mark for a clear overall judgement on the question, supported by at least one valid and relevant reason)*

### **Use of sources**

Candidates will be credited where they use a relevant source in support of their knowledge and understanding, critical analysis, evaluation or a reasoned view.

## Overview of Detailed Marking Instructions

### Critical analysis questions (10 marks):

Candidates will be awarded up to a maximum of **6 marks** for each developed point of knowledge used to support the analysis. For a knowledge mark to be awarded, points must be:

- relevant to the question
- developed (by providing additional detail, exemplification, reasons or evidence)
- used to respond to the demands of the question (ie analyse)

Candidates will be awarded up to **4 marks** for analytical comments.

Where a candidate makes more analytical points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.

### Evaluation questions (10 marks):

Candidates will be awarded up to a maximum of **6 marks** for each developed point of knowledge used to support the evaluation.

For a knowledge mark to be awarded, points must be:

- relevant to the question
- developed (by providing additional detail, exemplification, reasons or evidence)
- used to respond to the demands of the question (ie evaluate)

Candidates will be awarded up to **4 marks** for reasoned evaluative comments.

Where a candidate makes more evaluative points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.

### Presenting reasoned and well-structured views questions (20 marks)

Candidates will be awarded up to a maximum of **10 marks** for each developed point of knowledge used to support the analysis and evaluation. For a knowledge mark to be awarded, points must be:

- relevant to the question
- developed (by providing additional detail, exemplification, reasons or evidence)
- used to respond to the demands of the question (ie analyse/evaluate)

Candidates will be awarded up to **4 marks** for analytical comments.

Where a candidate makes more analytical points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.

Candidates will be awarded up to **4 marks** for reasoned evaluative comments.

Where a candidate makes more evaluative points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.

Candidates will be awarded **1 mark** where there is a clear overall judgement on the question, supported by at least one valid and relevant reason. A further **1 mark** will be awarded where the candidate also organises their overall response into a coherent line of argument in response to the question.

Detailed Marking Instructions for each question

SECTION 1 – WORLD RELIGION

Part A – Buddhism

Question	General marking principles for this type of question	Max mark	Specific Marking Instructions for this question
1	<p>Evaluation involves making a judgement based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relevance/importance/usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source</li> <li>• positive and negative aspects</li> <li>• strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• any other relevant evaluative comment</li> </ul> <p><b>Up to a maximum of 4 marks, 1 mark will be awarded for each reasoned evaluative comment used to respond to the judgement.</b></p> <p>Where a candidate makes more evaluative points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.</p> <p>Candidates will be awarded 1 mark for each valid point up to a maximum of 6 marks for relevant knowledge and understanding.</p> <p>For a knowledge mark to be awarded, points must be:</p>	10	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The realm you are reborn into is a result of the kamma from your previous life and the future existence you have will depend on the kamma you generate in this current life.</li> <li>• The Law of Kamma is the moral law of cause and effect related to intentional actions. Buddhists believe this relates to the body, the mind and speech.</li> <li>• Buddhists wish to be free from suffering, cravings and constant rebirths. By achieving enlightenment they can escape these afflictions.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example evaluation points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The statement is right because the cumulative effect of kamma means the actions of each and every day must be thought through very carefully.</li> <li>• Buddhists would be likely to agree because building up skilful actions everyday would lead to escaping Samsara altogether or at least ensuring a better rebirth in the next life.</li> <li>• Other beliefs have a greater impact on their daily lives. For example, people are motivated by goals. Thus, Buddhists could argue that Nibbana is the belief which has the greatest impact.</li> </ul>



Question	General marking principles for this type of question	Max mark	Specific Marking Instructions for this question
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relevant to the question</li> <li>• developed (by providing additional detail, exemplification, reasons or evidence)</li> <li>• used to respond to the demands of the question (ie evaluate)</li> </ul> <p>Where appropriate, the candidate may fully agree, fully disagree or make points on both sides – all are acceptable as a route to full marks.</p> <p>Analysis involves identifying parts, the relationship between them, and their relationships with the whole. It can also involve drawing out and relating implications.</p> <p>An analysis mark should be awarded where a candidate identifies at least two relevant components (eg of an idea, theory, argument, etc) and clearly shows at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• links between different components</li> <li>• links between component(s) and the whole</li> <li>• links between component(s) and related concepts</li> <li>• similarities and contradictions</li> <li>• consistency and inconsistency</li> <li>• different views/interpretations</li> <li>• possible consequences/implications</li> <li>• the relative importance of components</li> <li>• understanding of underlying order or structure</li> </ul> <p>Up to a maximum of 4 marks, 1 mark should be</p>	10	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The precepts are a straightforward, practical guide to what you should avoid doing. They are helpful tools which lead to happier and more fulfilled lives.</li> <li>• The precepts promote positive qualities such as compassion, generosity and self-restraint, eg, by cultivating kind speech.</li> <li>• The precepts are a foundation for personal growth and development and they encourage a Buddhist to lead a moral life.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example analytical points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monastic Buddhists follow all ten precepts and this will help them become free from all sensual and material cravings, which in turn should help them become enlightened.</li> <li>• The ten precepts establish that Buddhists should avoid conflict and aggression and instead act in a co-operative and peaceful way. When individuals follow the ten precepts they set an example to wider society. The consequences would be a safer and happier society for everyone.</li> </ul>

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	<p>awarded for each relevant analytical point used to respond to the question.</p> <p>Where a candidate makes more analytical points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.</p> <p>Candidates will be awarded 1 mark for each valid point <b>up to a maximum of 6 marks</b> for relevant knowledge and understanding. For a knowledge mark to be awarded, points must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relevant to the question</li> <li>• developed (by providing additional detail, exemplification, reasons or evidence)</li> <li>• used to respond to the demands of the question (ie analyse)</li> </ul>		

Part B – Christianity

Question	General marking principles for this type of question	Max mark	Specific Marking Instructions for this question
1	<p>Evaluation involves making a judgement based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relevance/importance/ usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source</li> <li>• positive and negative aspects</li> <li>• strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• any other relevant evaluative comment</li> </ul> <p><b>Up to a maximum of 4 marks, 1 mark will be awarded for each reasoned evaluative comment used to respond to the judgement.</b></p> <p>Where a candidate makes more evaluative points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.</p> <p>Candidates will be awarded 1 mark for each valid point <b>up to a maximum of 6 marks</b> for relevant knowledge and understanding.</p>	10	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resurrection is the belief that after Jesus died on the cross and was buried, he rose again three days later and appeared to his disciples.</li> <li>• What Christians do on a daily basis is influenced by belief in the resurrection, for example, taking bread and wine at communion.</li> <li>• Christians believe that if they follow Jesus’ teachings and accept Jesus as their saviour then a new life awaits them.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example evaluative points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is only because of the resurrection that Christians can have confidence that, when they pray and ask for guidance, Jesus will really listen to them because he is alive.</li> <li>• The resurrection is the most important belief because the Apostle Paul makes it very clear in 1 Corinthians 15:14 that if Jesus didn’t rise from the dead, then Christian faith is pointless.</li> <li>• In the New Testament, it says to ‘love your neighbour’. This may be seen to be as important because it involves acting with the same degree of love to strangers as it does to yourself, which could have a massive impact on a Christian’s daily life.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• different views/interpretations</li> <li>• possible consequences/implications</li> <li>• the relative importance of components</li> <li>• understanding of underlying order or structure</li> </ul> <p>Up to a maximum of <b>4 marks</b>, 1 mark should be awarded for each relevant analytical point used to respond to the question.</p> <p>Where a candidate makes more analytical points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.</p> <p>Candidates will be awarded 1 mark for each valid point <b>up to a maximum of 6 marks</b> for relevant knowledge and understanding. For a knowledge mark to be awarded, points must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relevant to the question</li> <li>• developed (by providing additional detail, exemplification, reasons or evidence)</li> <li>• used to respond to the demands of the question (ie analyse)</li> </ul>		

Part C – Hinduism

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1	<p>Evaluation involves making a judgement based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relevance/importance/ usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source</li> <li>• positive and negative aspects</li> <li>• strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• any other relevant evaluative comment</li> </ul> <p><b>Up to a maximum of 4 marks</b>, 1 mark will be awarded for each reasoned evaluative comment used to respond to the judgement.</p> <p>Where a candidate makes more evaluative points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.</p> <p>Candidates will be awarded 1 mark for each valid point <b>up to a maximum of 6 marks</b> for relevant knowledge and understanding.</p> <p>For a knowledge mark to be awarded, points must be:</p>	10	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karma is the law of cause and effect, and is the belief that all actions have consequences.</li> <li>• In order to generate good karma and have a better rebirth, Hindus must only carry out moral actions, thoughts and intentions.</li> <li>• Hindus recognise that there is a divine spark in all humans which impacts on how they treat themselves and others. This is called the atman.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example evaluation points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think that karma does have the greatest impact because in Brihadaranyaka Upanishad IV it says that not only does karma affect actions, but also thoughts and intentions.</li> <li>• Recognising that all humans have a divine spark should lead to carrying out moral actions which in turn will generate good karma. This makes karma the most important belief because it means Hindus can take responsibility for their future destiny.</li> </ul>

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Part D – Islam

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Part E – Judaism

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SECTION 2 – MORALITY AND BELIEF

Part A – Religion and Justice

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**Part B – Religion and Relationships**

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Part C – Religion, Environment and Global Issues

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1	<p>Analysis involves identifying parts, the relationships between them, and their relationships with the whole. It can also involve drawing out and relating implications.</p> <p>An analysis mark should be awarded where a candidate identifies at least two relevant components (eg of an idea, theory, argument, etc) and clearly shows at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• links between different components</li> <li>• links between component(s) and the whole</li> <li>• links between component(s) and related concepts</li> <li>• similarities and contradictions</li> <li>• consistency and inconsistency</li> <li>• different views/interpretations</li> <li>• possible consequences/implications</li> <li>• the relative importance of components</li> <li>• understanding of underlying order or structure</li> </ul> <p>Up to a maximum of 4 marks, 1 mark should be awarded for each relevant analytical point used to respond to the question.</p>	10	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moral relativism is the view that morals change depending on the time, place, situation and culture.</li> <li>• Moral relativism doesn't recognise an independent standard of moral goodness and moral views can change in light of reform.</li> <li>• Poverty means that you live with little or no money; or means of providing material needs. It may also mean a lack of opportunities, such as not having an education.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example analytical points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One cause of poverty is trading agreements between rich countries and developing countries. These are often set up in such a way that the rich countries benefit more from these arrangements than the poor countries.</li> <li>• If your business ethics says that you can exploit those less fortunate than yourself in order to make a profit, then the workers will remain poor and be unable to lift themselves out of poverty.</li> <li>• If you live in poverty you are more likely to suffer ill-health, homelessness, unemployment. This then repeats and the next generation suffers poverty too because they are not given the opportunities of a good education, or money with which to start businesses or invest.</li> </ul>



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2	<p>Evaluation involves making a judgement based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relevance/importance/ usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source</li> <li>• positive and negative aspects</li> <li>• strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• any other relevant evaluative comment</li> </ul>	10	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair trade is the idea that trading arrangements should be set up in such a way that nobody is exploited and that everyone gets a fair reward for the labour they put into the services or products they provide.</li> <li>• A key tenet of Judaism is to pursue justice and that can happen by making consumer choices that promote economic fairness.</li> <li>• Jewish teachings caution against exploiting others and the Golden Rule says we should act in a way towards others that we would want them to act towards us.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example evaluation points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rabbi Moses ben Maimonides said ‘it is forbidden to cheat people in</li> </ul>

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Part D – Religion, Medicine and the Human Body

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2	<p>Evaluation involves making a judgement based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relevance/importance/ usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source</li> <li>• positive and negative aspects</li> <li>• strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• any other relevant evaluative comment</li> </ul>	10	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muslims believe that life is sacred because Allah is the creator and the owner of all life. In Surah 42:50 it says that Allah gives life to whom he pleases.</li> <li>• The Hadith is important source material about religious practice and law. It says, ‘Anyone who throws themselves down from a rock and commits suicide will be throwing themselves into Hell’.</li> <li>• Muslims believe that those who are condemned to hell suffer physical and spiritual torment for eternity. This is to be avoided by obeying God.</li> </ul>

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Part E – Religion and Conflict

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2	<p>Evaluation involves making a judgement based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relevance/importance/usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source</li> <li>• positive and negative aspects</li> <li>• strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• any other relevant evaluative comment</li> </ul>	10	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hinduism has rules that encompass the rights and duties of different castes, for example, kshatriyas.</li> <li>• Hindu scriptures like the Rig Veda, the Bhagavad Gita and the Ramayana epic all exhibit the belief that it is right to use force in self-defence.</li> <li>• Ahimsa expresses belief in the sacredness of all living creatures and urges the avoidance of harm and violence.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example evaluation points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is clear that the doctrine of ahimsa has some weaknesses because it opposes – but does not necessarily prohibit – violence. In some instances, like self-defence, ahimsa has to co-exist with the use of force.</li> </ul>

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SECTION 3 – RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS

Part A – The Origins of Life

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1	<p>This question is worth 20 marks. Marks will be available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relevant knowledge/ understanding</li> <li>• analysis</li> <li>• evaluation</li> <li>• expressing a reasoned and well-structured view</li> </ul> <p><i>Knowledge and understanding</i> Up to a maximum of <b>10 marks</b>, 1 mark should be awarded for each relevant developed point of knowledge used to respond to the question.</p> <p>For a knowledge mark to be awarded, points must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relevant to the question</li> <li>• developed (by providing additional detail, exemplification, reasons or evidence)</li> <li>• used to respond to the demands of the question (ie analyse/evaluate)</li> </ul> <p><i>Analysis</i> Analysis involves identifying parts, the relationship between them, and their</p>	20	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reason is about making sense of things using the senses, empiricism and different types of deduction.</li> <li>• Literalists believe that their religious creation accounts are historically true and that their account is infallible.</li> <li>• The origins of life have a natural explanation: simple organic molecules developed the ability to replicate, became more complex and began to undergo natural selection.</li> <li>• Scientists use lines of evidence to support their views, eg radiometric dating and ancient fossils.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example analytical points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are different approaches to creation accounts and not everyone interprets these in a literal manner. Some religious people say that God literally created the universe, but the account of how it was created (eg in six days) should be understood metaphorically.</li> <li>• Most Hindus today see creation accounts as allegories or metaphors rather than literal truth. Consequently, they accept alternative explanations that science and philosophy can offer.</li> <li>• Some religious people believe that faith alone is enough to prove that there is a divine creator responsible for the origins of life, whilst some non-religious people might say evidence or logic is needed in order to demonstrate that a claim is true.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example evaluation points:</i></p>

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	<p>understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.</p> <p><i>Evaluation</i> Evaluation involves making a judgement based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relevance/importance/ usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source</li> <li>• positive and negative aspects</li> <li>• strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• any other relevant evaluative comment</li> </ul> <p><b>Up to a maximum of 4 marks, 1 mark</b> will be awarded for each reasoned evaluative comment used to respond to the judgement.</p> <p>Where a candidate makes more evaluative points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.</p> <p>Where appropriate, the candidate may fully agree, fully disagree or make points on both sides – all are acceptable as a route to full marks.</p>		

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	<p><i>Reasoned view</i> Marks for a reasoned view will be awarded where a candidate answers the question in a way that builds on the knowledge and understanding, analytical and evaluative points they have made in their answer.</p> <p><b>1 mark</b> will be awarded where the candidate makes a clear overall judgement on the question, supported by at least one valid and relevant reason.</p> <p>A further <b>1 mark</b> will be awarded where the candidate also organises their overall response into a coherent line of argument in response to the question.</p>		

Part B – The Existence of God

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1	<p>This question is worth 20 marks. Marks will be available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relevant knowledge/ understanding</li> <li>• analysis</li> <li>• evaluation</li> <li>• expressing a reasoned and well-structured view</li> </ul> <p><i>Knowledge and understanding</i> Up to a maximum of <b>10 marks</b>, 1 mark should be awarded for each relevant developed point of knowledge used to respond to the question.</p> <p>For a knowledge mark to be awarded, points must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relevant to the question</li> <li>• developed (by providing additional detail, exemplification, reasons or evidence)</li> <li>• used to respond to the demands of the question (ie analyse/evaluate)</li> </ul> <p><i>Analysis</i> Analysis involves identifying parts, the relationship between them, and their relationships with the whole. It can also involve drawing out and relating</p>	20	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The relationship between faith and reason can be understood in three ways: in conflict; incompatible; compatible.</li> <li>• Aquinas’ five proofs for the existence of God are known as the ‘Five Ways’ and one of these is known as the ‘argument of the unmoved mover’.</li> <li>• Faith is a firm belief in something, even if there is no tangible proof. It is the opposite of doubt.</li> <li>• The cosmological argument exists in several forms. One of these is the Kalam cosmological argument.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example analytical points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animals and humans are moved by parts of themselves, eg legs. The legs depend on bones, muscles, and nerve signals to the brain for them to move. So the act of walking is the result of a number of other things having to move.</li> <li>• If humans and other life move themselves then they are self-movers and are not moved by something else. This would contradict Aquinas’ view that everything moves because of a first mover.</li> <li>• Aquinas famously said, ‘we must love them both (faith and reason)... for both have laboured in the search for truth and both have helped us in finding it’. This clearly implies that faith and reason are equally important in determining God’s existence.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example evaluation points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquinas’ argument is weak because it is possible to say, as Isaac Newton did, that things can continue in motion indefinitely until stopped by another force, so it is quite possible for something to have always been in</li> </ul>

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	<p>implications. An analysis mark should be awarded where a candidate identifies at least two relevant components (eg of an idea, theory, argument, etc) and clearly shows at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• links between different components</li> <li>• links between component(s) and the whole</li> <li>• links between component(s) and related concepts</li> <li>• similarities and contradictions</li> <li>• consistency and inconsistency</li> <li>• different views/interpretations</li> <li>• possible consequences/implications</li> <li>• the relative importance of components</li> <li>• understanding of underlying order or structure</li> </ul> <p>Up to a maximum of 4 marks, 1 mark should be awarded for each relevant analytical point used to respond to the question.</p> <p>Where a candidate makes more analytical points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.</p>		<p>motion without ever having been moved in the first place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquinas' argument is weak because, although he adequately establishes that things move and that they depend on something else for movement, he only proves the possibility of a first mover; but does not prove that the first mover is God.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example overall judgement:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The claim is true where Aquinas' argument is used. He said 'we have a more perfect knowledge of God by grace than by natural reason' which means that knowledge is dependent on both the senses and divine revelation. This affirms the view that both faith and reason are needed to believe that this version of the cosmological argument proves God's existence.</li> </ul>

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	<p><i>Evaluation</i> Evaluation involves making a judgement based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relevance/importance/ usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source</li> <li>• positive and negative aspects</li> <li>• strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• any other relevant evaluative comment</li> </ul> <p><b>Up to a maximum of 4 marks, 1 mark will be awarded for each reasoned evaluative comment used to respond to the judgement.</b></p> <p>Where a candidate makes more evaluative points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.</p> <p>Where appropriate, the candidate may fully agree, fully disagree or make points on both sides – all are acceptable as a route to full marks.</p> <p><i>Reasoned view</i> Marks for a reasoned view will be awarded where a candidate answers the question in a way that builds on the knowledge and</p>		

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	<p>understanding, analytical and evaluative points they have made in their answer.</p> <p><b>1 mark</b> will be awarded where the candidate makes a clear overall judgement on the question, supported by at least one valid and relevant reason.</p> <p>A further <b>1 mark</b> will be awarded where the candidate also organises their overall response into a coherent line of argument in response to the question.</p>		



Part C – The Problem of Evil and Suffering

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1	<p>This question is worth 20 marks. Marks will be available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relevant knowledge/understanding</li> <li>• analysis</li> <li>• evaluation</li> <li>• expressing a reasoned and well-structured view</li> </ul> <p><i>Knowledge and understanding</i> Up to a maximum of <b>10 marks</b>, 1 mark should be awarded for each relevant developed point of knowledge used to respond to the question.</p> <p>For a knowledge mark to be awarded, points must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relevant to the question</li> <li>• developed (by providing additional detail, exemplification, reasons or evidence)</li> <li>• used to respond to the demands of the question (ie analyse/evaluate)</li> </ul> <p><i>Analysis</i> Analysis involves identifying parts, the relationship between them, and their relationships with the whole. It can also involve drawing out and relating implications.</p>	20	<p><i>Example knowledge points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free will is the belief that we are free to choose how we act. The opposite of free will is determinism.</li> <li>• The Judeo-Christian concept of God is that he is all-knowing and all-powerful which gives him control over our actions.</li> <li>• The Bible says that God has a role in directing the history of humanity and that humanity has the ability to choose between right and wrong.</li> <li>• Faith is belief that is not based on proof. Evidence is not necessary.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example analysis points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Augustine believed in both free will and in pre-destination, but this is not logical because you can have one or the other but not both. If we are free then our lives cannot be pre-determined, but if they are pre-determined then we cannot be free.</li> <li>• If it is God that is behind the evil things that we do then human beings cannot be held responsible for doing these evil things. So, this leaves us in the position of having to try to work out whether or not we have free will.</li> </ul> <p><i>Example evaluation points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think the view is not valid because some scientists say that psychologically we are predisposed towards certain types of behaviour and decisions and these are influenced by our background and our education, not by a divine being.</li> <li>• I don't think it's possible to know because even Maimonides ducked the issue by saying that God has fore-knowledge and man has free will and this contradiction cannot be understood by our limited finite means.</li> </ul>

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	<p>based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relevance/importance/usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source</li> <li>• positive and negative aspects</li> <li>• strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• any other relevant evaluative comment</li> </ul> <p><b>Up to a maximum of 4 marks, 1 mark will be awarded for each reasoned evaluative comment used to respond to the judgement.</b></p> <p>Where a candidate makes more evaluative points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this.</p> <p>Where appropriate, the candidate may fully agree, fully disagree or make points on both sides – all are acceptable as a route to full marks.</p> <p><i>Reasoned view</i> Marks for a reasoned view will be awarded where a candidate answers the question in a way that builds on the</p>		

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	<p>knowledge and understanding, analytical and evaluative points they have made in their answer.</p> <p><b>1 mark</b> will be awarded where the candidate makes a clear overall judgement on the question, supported by at least one valid and relevant reason. A further <b>1 mark</b> will be awarded where the candidate also organises their overall response into a coherent line of argument in response to the question.</p>		

Part D – Miracles

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	<p><i>Evaluation</i> Evaluation involves making a judgement based on criteria. Candidates will make reasoned evaluative comments relating to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the relevance/importance/ usefulness, eg of a viewpoint or source</li> <li>• positive and negative aspects</li> <li>• strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• any other relevant evaluative comment</li> </ul> <p><b>Up to a maximum of 4 marks, 1 mark</b> will be awarded for each reasoned evaluative comment used to respond to the judgement.</p> <p>Where a candidate makes more evaluative points than are required to gain the maximum allocation of 4 marks, these can be credited as knowledge and understanding marks provided they meet the criteria for this</p> <p>Where appropriate, the candidate may fully agree, fully disagree or make points on both sides – all are acceptable as a route to full marks.</p> <p><i>Reasoned view</i> Marks for a reasoned view will be awarded where a candidate answers the question in a way that builds on the</p>		

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