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. To what extent have modern scientific theories of cosmology strengthened First Cause arguments for the existence of God?

Your answer may include:

• a description of First Cause arguments and modern scientific theories of cosmology
• analysis and evaluation of the impact of these theories of cosmology on First Cause arguments
• personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

2. “The existence of order, purpose and regularity in the world is evidence of a divine designer.”

To what extent do design arguments establish the existence of God?

Your answer may include:

• a description of design arguments for the existence of God
• analysis and evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of these arguments
• personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

SECTION B

Religious Experience

3. “To be religious, individuals must have had a religious experience.”

How far do you agree?

Your answer may include:

• definitions of religious experience
• analysis of the link between religious experience and religious faith
• evaluation of the statement
• personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

4. To what extent does sociology provide the most convincing secular challenge to religious experience?

Your answer may include:

• a definition of religious experience
• analysis and evaluation of sociological explanations for religious experience
• analysis and evaluation of whether other secular fields provide more convincing explanations
• personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.
SECTION C

Medical Ethics

5. “IVF should be permitted in all circumstances.”
How far do you agree?
Your answer may include:
• a description of the moral issues related to possible uses of IVF
• analysis of religious and moral issues raised by the statement
• evaluation of the responses to the religious and moral issues raised by the statement
• personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

6. “Legalising euthanasia in the UK would create more problems than it solves.”
How far do you agree?
Your answer may include:
• a description of the laws related to end of life decisions in the UK
• analysis of the religious and moral issues that might arise from legalising euthanasia
• evaluation of the possible religious and moral issues arising from the statement
• personal and reasoned conclusions throughout.

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