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**Religious, Moral and
Philosophical Studies**

FRIDAY, 8 MAY

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

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 Part

Write your answer 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.

The marks available for each question are indicated. You should use these as a guide to the amount of detail you should include in your answer.

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

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Buddhism** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 1. | (a) | Describe what Buddhism teaches about the nature of existence. | 3 |
| | (b) | Explain how beliefs about the nature of existence might affect Buddhists. | 5 |
| 2. | (a) | Explain what Buddhists understand by the term “Sangha”. | 4 |
| | (b) | “ <i>Living as part of the Sangha is no longer relevant in today’s world.</i> ”
Would Buddhists agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part B — Christianity

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Christianity** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 3. | (a) | Describe what Christianity teaches about the nature of God. | 3 |
| | (b) | Explain how beliefs about God might affect Christians. | 5 |
| 4. | (a) | Explain what Christians understand by the term “mission”. | 4 |
| | (b) | “ <i>Taking part in mission is no longer relevant in today’s world.</i> ”
Would Christians agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part C — Hinduism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Hinduism** in the *World Religion* unit.

5. (a) Describe what Hinduism teaches about the nature of Brahman. 3
- (b) Explain how beliefs about Brahman might affect Hindus. 5
6. (a) Explain what Hindus understand by the term “Varna”. 4
- (b) “*Living according to Varna is no longer relevant in today’s world.*”
Would Hindus agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part D — Islam

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Islam** in the *World Religion* unit.

7. (a) Describe what Islam teaches about the nature of God. **3**
- (b) Explain how beliefs about God might affect Muslims. **5**
8. (a) Explain what Muslims understand by the term “Sunnah”. **4**
- (b) “*Living according to the Sunnah is no longer relevant in today’s world.*”
Would Muslims agree? Give reasons for your answer. **8**

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Part E — Judaism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Judaism** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 9. | (a) | Describe what Judaism teaches about the nature of God. | 3 |
| | (b) | Explain how beliefs about God might affect Jews. | 5 |
| 10. | (a) | Describe what Jews understand by “Shabbat”. | 4 |
| | (b) | “ <i>Keeping Shabbat is no longer relevant in today’s world.</i> ”
Would Jews agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part F — Sikhism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Sikhism** in the *World Religion* unit.

11. (a) Describe what Sikhism teaches about the nature of God. 3
- (b) Explain how beliefs about God might affect Sikhs. 5
12. (a) Explain what Sikhs understand by the Khalsa. 4
- (b) “*Living as part of the Khalsa is no longer relevant in today’s world.*”
Would Sikhs agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

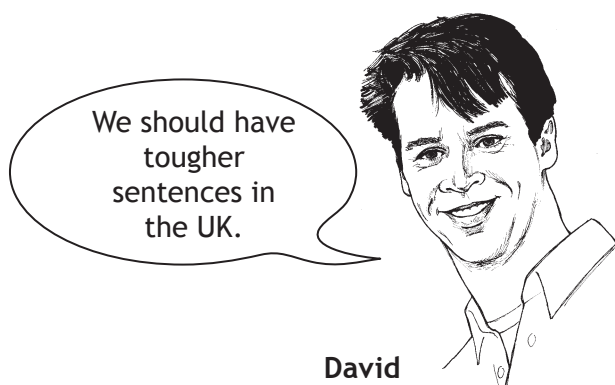
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SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks

Part A— Religion and Justice

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion and Justice** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

13. (a) Explain **two** moral issues arising from the use of punishment. 4
- (b) Describe the main features of Utilitarianism. 3
- (c)



Would Utilitarians agree with David? Give reasons for your answer. 4

14. (a) Choose **one** religious viewpoint you have studied. Explain what it says about capital punishment. 5
- (b) Capital Punishment makes the world a better place.
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4

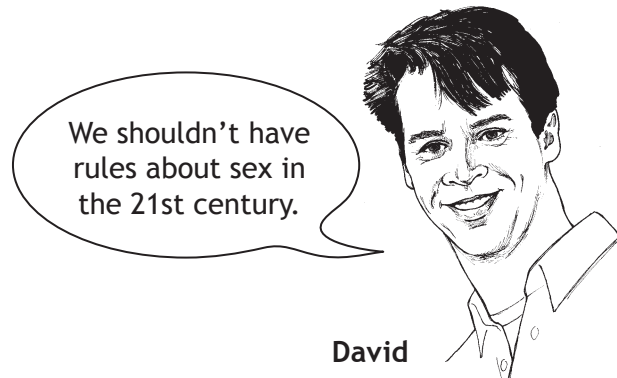
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Part B — Religion and Relationships

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion and Relationships** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

15. (a) Explain **two** moral issues arising from human sexuality. 4
- (b) Describe the main features of Utilitarianism. 3
- (c)



Would Utilitarians agree with David? Give reasons for your answer. 4

16. (a) Choose **one** religious viewpoint you have studied. Explain what it says about marriage. 5
- (b) Marriage makes the world a better place.
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4

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Part C — Religion, Environment and Global Issues

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion, Environment and Global Issues** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

17. (a) Explain **two** moral issues arising from the use of international aid. 4
- (b) Describe the main features of Utilitarianism. 3
- (c)



Would Utilitarians agree with David? Give reasons for your answer. 4

18. (a) Choose **one** religious viewpoint you have studied. Explain what it says about caring for the environment. 5
- (b) Using natural resources makes the world a better place.
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4

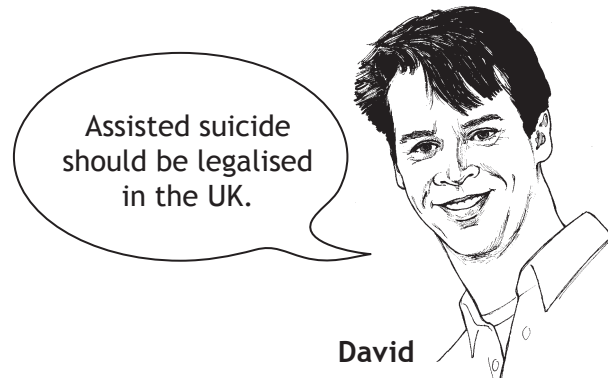
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Part D — Religion, Medicine and the Human Body

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion, Medicine and the Human Body** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

19. (a) Explain **two** moral issues arising from assisted suicide. 4
- (b) Describe the main features of Utilitarianism. 3
- (c)



Would Utilitarians agree with David? Give reasons for your answer. 4

20. (a) Choose **one** religious viewpoint you have studied. Explain what it says about the sanctity of life. 5
- (b) Respecting the sanctity of human life makes the world a better place. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4

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SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks

Part E — Religion and Conflict

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion and Conflict** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

21. (a) Explain **two** moral issues arising from going to war. 4
- (b) Describe the main features of Utilitarianism. 3
- (c)



Would Utilitarians agree with David? Give reasons for your answer. 4

22. (a) Choose **one** religious viewpoint you have studied. Explain what it says about justification for war. 5
- (b) War makes the world a better place.
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4

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SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 20 marks

Part A— The Origins of Life

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **The Origins of Life** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

23. (a) Describe **two** religious creation stories. 4
- (b) Explain how a non-religious person might understand creation stories. 5
24. (a) What are the main points of the Big Bang Theory? 3
- (b) “*The Big Bang Theory proves that God did not create the universe.*”
How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part B — The Existence of God

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **The Existence of God** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

25. (a) Give **two** pieces of evidence used to support the teleological argument. 4
- (b) Explain why someone might disagree with the teleological argument. 5
26. (a) What are the main points of the cosmological argument? 3
- (b) “*The cosmological argument proves the existence of God.*”
How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part C — The Problem of Evil and Suffering

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **The Problem of Evil and Suffering** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

27. (a) Describe **two** different types of suffering. 4
- (b) Explain what a non-religious person might say about the reasons for suffering. 5
28. (a) Describe the main beliefs religious people might hold about the nature of God. 3
- (b) “*Suffering strengthens belief in God.*”
How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part D — Miracles

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Miracles** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

29. (a) Describe **two** miracles from scripture. 4
- (b) Explain how a non-religious person might understand scriptural miracles. 5
30. (a) Describe the main points of one modern day miracle you have studied. 3
- (b) “*Miracles are an essential part of religious belief.*”
How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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