



National
Qualifications
SPECIMEN ONLY

SQ40/H/01

**Religious, Moral and
Philosophical Studies**

Date — Not applicable

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

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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?

10

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?

10

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?

10

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?

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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SECTION 3 – RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS – 20 marks

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.

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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.

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