



National  
Qualifications  
2019

**X864/75/11**

**Religious, Moral and  
Philosophical Studies**

MONDAY, 27 MAY

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Candidates should enter their surname, forename(s), date of birth, Scottish candidate number and the name and Level of the subject at the top of their first answer sheet.

**Total marks — 80**

Attempt all questions.

**SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 27 marks**

Only Part A — Buddhism is provided.

**SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 marks**

Only Part E — Morality and conflict is provided.

**SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 26 marks**

Only Part C — The problem of suffering and evil is provided.

Write your answers clearly on your answer sheet. You must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Marks are shown in square brackets at the end of each question.

An OW in the margin indicates a new question.

SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 27 marks

Part A — Buddhism

Attempt all the questions in this part.

1. Describe the Buddha's teaching about the four noble truths. **[6 marks]**
  
2. (a) What do Buddhists believe about Samsara? **[4 marks]**  
(b) How might belief about Samsara **affect** the life of Buddhists? **[4 marks]**
  
3. Explain why Buddhists meditate. **[5 marks]**
  
4. *'People can't be expected to follow the five precepts in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.'*  
How far do you agree with this statement?  
Give reasons for your answer. **[8 marks]**

SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 marks

Part E — Morality and conflict

Attempt all the questions in this part.

44. Explain how war might impact on the environment. [4 marks]
45. What moral issues are raised by smart weapons? [6 marks]
46. Explain **one** non-religious view on modern armaments. [5 marks]
47. Explain **two** reasons for going to war. [4 marks]
48. *'Diplomacy is always the best way to deal with an enemy.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [8 marks]

SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 26 marks

Part C — The problem of suffering and evil

Attempt all the questions in this part.

56. (a) What is meant by free will? [4 marks]
- (b) Why might someone believe that humans do **not** have free will? [5 marks]
57. What might someone mean by ‘suffering’? [4 marks]
58. Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied.  
How does it explain the existence of suffering? [5 marks]
59. ‘*Suffering and evil challenges the existence of God.*’  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [8 marks]

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]