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**Religious, Moral and  
Philosophical Studies**

THURSDAY, 11 MAY

9:00 AM – 11:20 AM

**Total marks — 80**

**SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 26 marks**

Attempt ONE part.

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

Attempt ONE part.

**SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 27 marks**

Attempt ONE part.

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

### Attempt ONE part

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SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 26 MARKS

MARKS

Attempt ONE part

Part A — Buddhism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Buddhism**.

1. Describe **one** of the Three Jewels. 4
  
2. Explain what Buddhists believe about Samsara. 6
  
3. *'Kamma is unavoidable.'*  
How might this belief impact Buddhists? 4
  
4. (a) Describe **two** steps of the Eightfold Path. 4  
  
(b) *'The world would be a better place if everyone followed the Eightfold Path.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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**Part B — Christianity**

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Christianity**.

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| 5. Describe Christian belief about Jesus as an incarnation.  | 4 |
| 6. Explain what Christians believe about heaven and hell.  | 6 |
| 7. <i>'Humans are created in God's likeness.'</i><br>How might this belief impact Christians?  | 4 |
| 8. (a) Describe two of Jesus' teachings.   | 4 |
| (b) <i>'The world would be a better place if everyone followed the teachings and example of Jesus.'</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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## Part C — Hinduism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Hinduism**.

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| 9.  | Describe Krishna's role as an avatar.  | 4 |
| 10. | Explain what Hindus believe about Samsara.   | 6 |
| 11. | <i>'Karma is unavoidable.'</i><br>How might this belief impact Hindus?                                     | 4 |
| 12. | (a) Describe <b>two</b> ways Hindus follow Dharma.   | 4 |
|     | (b) <i>'Dharma makes the world a better place.'</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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## Part D — Islam

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied Islam.

13. Describe the role of Muhammed in Islam. 4
14. Explain what Muslims believe about Al-Jannah and Jahannam. 6
15. *'Humans are Khaliphas (stewards).'*  
How might this belief impact Muslims? 4
16. (a) Describe two ways Muslims live according to the Qu'ran. 4
- (b) *'The world would be a better place if everyone lived according to the Qur'an.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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**Part E — Judaism**

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Judaism**.

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| 17. Describe Jewish belief about 'Messiah'.   | 4 |
| 18. Explain what Jews believe about Olam Ha-Ba.   | 6 |
| 19. <i>'Humans have free will.'</i><br>How might this belief impact Jews?   | 4 |
| 20. (a) Describe <b>two</b> ways Jews live according to the Torah.  | 4 |
| (b) <i>'The world would be a better place if everyone lived according to the Torah.'</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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## Part F — Sikhism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Sikhism**.

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| 21. | Describe belief about the Guru Granth Sahib.   | 4 |
| 22. | Explain what Sikhs believe about the Five Evils.   | 6 |
| 23. | <i>'Humans have free will.'</i><br>How might this belief impact Sikhs?   | 4 |
| 24. | (a) Describe two of the Gurus' teachings.  | 4 |
|     | (b) <i>'The world would be a better place if everyone followed the Gurus' teachings.'</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 MARKS

MARKS

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Part A — Morality and justice

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and justice**.

25. (a) Describe **two** types of sentencing in the UK. 4
- (b) Explain **two** moral issues raised by sentencing in the UK. 6
26. Describe different purposes of punishment. 5
27. *'You can't be religious and support retribution.'*  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
28. *'Capital punishment is not morally acceptable in the modern world.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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**Part B — Morality and relationships**

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and relationships**.

29. (a) Describe **two** forms of exploitation. 4
- (b) Explain **two** moral issues raised by exploitation. 6
30. What might people say about the purpose of sex? 5
31. *'You can't be religious and support same sex relationships.'*  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
32. *'Gender roles are not morally acceptable in the modern world.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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**Part C — Morality, environment and global issues**

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality, environment and global issues**.

33. (a) Describe **two** types of natural resources. 4
- (b) Explain **two** moral issues raised by the management of natural resources. 6
34. Describe different causes of poverty. 5
35. *'You can't be **religious** and ignore poverty.'*  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
36. *'Wealthy nations have a moral duty to provide aid.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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**Part D — Morality, medicine and the human body**

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality, medicine and the human body**.

37. (a) Describe **two** types of euthanasia. 4
- (b) Explain **two** moral issues raised by euthanasia. 6
38. Describe the role of hospices. 5
39. *'You can't be **religious** and support personal autonomy.'*  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
40. *'The law should give people the right to die.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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## Part E — Morality and conflict

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and conflict**.

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| 41. (a) Describe <b>two</b> types of war.   | 4 |
| (b) Explain <b>two</b> moral issues raised by war.  | 6 |
| 42. How might people justify going to war?  | 5 |
| 43. ‘ <i>You can’t be <b>religious</b> and support war.</i> ’<br>Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.          | 4 |
| 44. ‘ <i>Diplomacy is the only moral alternative to war.</i> ’<br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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## Attempt ONE part

## Part A — Origins

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Origins**.

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| 45. | What might scientists believe about the origin of the universe?   | 5 |
| 46. | Describe <b>one</b> creation story.   | 5 |
| 47. | <i>'Religious people should read creation stories literally.'</i><br>Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.    | 4 |
| 48. | Explain the theory of evolution.  | 5 |
| 49. | <i>'You need science <b>and</b> religion to understand origins.'</i><br>Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

**Part B — The existence of God**

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **The existence of God**.

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| 50. | What might people believe about the nature of God?   | 5 |
| 51. | Explain Paley's teleological argument.   | 5 |
| 52. | <i>'People should accept Paley's teleological argument.'</i><br>Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.            | 4 |
| 53. | Explain the cosmological argument.   | 5 |
| 54. | <i>'Science fully supports the arguments for the existence of God.'</i><br>Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

**Part C — The problem of suffering and evil**

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **The problem of suffering and evil**.

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| 55. | What might people believe about the nature of God?  | 5 |
| 56. | Explain one theodicy you have studied.  | 5 |
| 57. | <i>'Religious people should just accept suffering.'</i><br>Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.                    | 4 |
| 58. | How might determinists explain suffering and evil?  | 5 |
| 59. | <i>'Free will provides a complete explanation for suffering and evil.'</i><br>Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |



## Part D — Miracles

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Miracles**.

60. What might people believe about divine intervention? 5
61. Describe **one** healing miracle from scripture. 5
62. *'Religious people should read scriptural miracles literally.'*  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
63. Explain what is meant by the laws of nature. 5
64. *'You need science **and** religion to understand miracles.'*  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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