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**Religious, Moral and
Philosophical Studies**

MONDAY, 11 MAY

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Total marks — 90

SECTION 1 — PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION — 45 marks

Attempt **EITHER** question 1 **OR** question 2

THEN attempt question 3.

SECTION 2 — 45 marks

Attempt **EITHER** Part A **OR** Part B.

Part A — RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE — 45 marks

Attempt **EITHER** question 4 **OR** question 5

THEN attempt question 6.

Part B — MEDICAL ETHICS — 45 marks

Attempt **EITHER** question 7 **OR** question 8

THEN attempt question 9.

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.

You must leave your answer booklet on your desk; if you do not, you could lose all the marks for this paper.



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SECTION 1 — PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION — 45 marks

Attempt EITHER question 1 OR question 2 THEN attempt question 3

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| 1. 'The presumption of atheism is valid.' | |
| How far do you agree? | 30 |
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| 2. 'Aquinas' argument from design is the most convincing teleological argument.' | |
| How far do you agree? | 30 |

Read the following source and attempt question 3.

'However, we know that the universe now exists. If God, or something equivalent in terms of power, does not exist then the universe must always have existed since, if it was not created, it could not have come into existence of its own accord from nothing.'

Aquinas

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| 3. (a) Describe what is meant by the cosmological argument. | 5 |
| (b) Analyse this source. | 5 |
| (c) Evaluate this source. | 5 |

SECTION 2 — 45 marks

Part A — Religious Experience

Attempt this part if you have studied Religious Experience.

Attempt **EITHER** question 4 **OR** question 5 **THEN** attempt question 6.

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| 4. To what extent are Otto's ideas the most convincing explanation of religious experience? | 30 |
| 5. To what extent is conversion the most convincing category of religious experience? | 30 |

Read the following source and attempt question 6.

'Religious experience is not simply a private, individual event; it is shaped by cultural context, social structures, and collective practices.'

Peter L. Berger

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| 6. (a) Describe what is meant by sociological accounts of religious experience. | 5 |
| (b) Analyse this source. | 5 |
| (c) Evaluate this source. | 5 |

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Part B — Medical Ethics

Attempt this part if you have studied Medical Ethics.

Attempt **EITHER** question 7 **OR** question 8 **THEN** attempt question 9.

7. To what extent is abortion morally acceptable? 30

8. To what extent is organ procurement morally acceptable? 30

Read the following source and attempt question 9.

‘Until access to good quality support and services become the norm, we believe that opting for assisted dying may not be a real choice, and the proposed change in the law poses a danger to disabled people.’

Disability Rights UK

9. (a) Describe what is meant by assisted dying. 5

(b) Analyse this source. 5

(c) Evaluate this source. 5

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