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Qualifications  
2021 ASSESSMENT RESOURCE

**X864/75/11**

**Religious, Moral and  
Philosophical Studies**

Duration — 2 hours 20 minutes

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**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

## Attempt ONE part

## Part A — Buddhism

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

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| 1. What do Buddhists believe about the Buddha?  | 4 |
| 2. (a) What do Buddhists mean by the root poisons?  | 4 |
| (b) How might a Buddhist's <b>belief</b> about the root poisons <b>affect</b> them?                               | 4 |
| 3. Explain how Buddhists <b>follow</b> the Eightfold Path.  | 6 |
| 4. ' <i>Buddhist belief about kamma is too negative.</i> '<br>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. What do Christians believe about the nature of God?   | 4 |
| 6. (a) What do Christians mean by free will?   | 4 |
| (b) How might a Christian's <b>belief</b> about free will <b>affect</b> them?  | 4 |
| 7. Explain how Christians <b>follow</b> Jesus' teachings and example.  | 6 |
| 8. ' <i>Christian belief about judgement is too negative.</i> '<br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

## Part C — Hinduism

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

9. What do Hindus believe about the nature of God? 4
10. (a) What do Hindus mean by the atman? 4  
(b) How might a Hindu's **belief** about the atman **affect** them? 4
11. Explain how Hindus **follow** dharma. 6
12. *'Hindu belief about karma is too negative.'*  
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.

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| 13. | What do Muslims believe about the nature of God?   | 4 |
| 14. | (a) What do Muslims mean by free will?   | 4 |
|     | (b) How might a Muslim's <b>belief</b> about free will <b>affect</b> them?                                     | 4 |
| 15. | Explain how Muslims <b>follow</b> the Five Pillars.  | 6 |
| 16. | <i>'Muslim belief about judgement is too negative.'</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

## Part E — Judaism

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

17. What do Jews believe about the nature of God? 4
18. (a) What do Jews mean by the dual nature of human beings? 4  
(b) How might a Jew's **belief** about the dual nature of human beings **affect** them? 4
19. Explain how Jews **follow** the Torah. 6
20. *'Jewish belief about judgement is too negative.'*  
How far do you 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**.

21. What do Sikhs believe about the nature of God? 4
22. (a) What do Sikhs mean by the atma? 4  
(b) How might a Sikh's **belief** about the atma **affect** them? 4
23. Explain how Sikhs **practise** sewa. 6
24. '*Sikh belief about karma is too negative.*'  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

## SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 marks

## Attempt ONE part

## Part A — Morality and justice

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

25. (a) Describe different causes of crime. 6
- (b) *'The cause of a crime should not affect the sentence given.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
26. What moral issues are raised by the purposes of punishment? 4
27. Explain **one** non-religious viewpoint on the purposes of punishment. 5
28. To what extent can **religious** people support the death penalty?  
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 different types of marriage. 6
- (b) *'There is no good reason for divorce.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
30. What moral issues are raised by sexual relationships? 4
31. Explain **one** non-religious viewpoint on sexual relationships. 5
32. To what extent should **religious** people support gender equality?  
Give reasons for your answer. 8

## 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 different effects of poverty. 6
- (b) *'There is no excuse for poverty.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
34. What moral issues are raised by trade? 4
35. Explain **one** non-religious viewpoint on trade. 5
36. *'We should take action to prevent environmental crises.'*  
To what extent would **religious** people agree with this statement?  
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 different ways of using embryos. 6
- (b) *'There should be no limits on the use of embryos.'*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
38. What moral issues are raised by voluntary euthanasia? 4
39. Explain **one** non-religious viewpoint on euthanasia. 5
40. To what extent can **religious** people support assisted dying?  
Give reasons for your answer. 8

**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 different types of war.  | 6 |
| (b) <i>'There is no good reason for having weapons of mass destruction.'</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 42. What moral issues are raised by pacifism?   | 4 |
| 43. Explain <b>one</b> non-religious viewpoint on war.  | 5 |
| 44. To what extent can <b>religious</b> people support war?<br>Give reasons for your answer.  | 8 |

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

## Attempt ONE part

## Part A — Origins

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

45. (a) Describe the main points of the big bang theory. 5
- (b) Do you think it is possible for religious people to accept the big bang theory?  
Give reasons for your answer. 4
46. (a) Explain the theory of evolution. 5
- (b) Why do some religious people **reject** the theory of evolution? 5
47. *'Creation stories should be understood literally.'*  
How far 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**.

48. (a) Describe the main points of the teleological argument. 5
- (b) Do you think it is reasonable to believe that life and the universe have a designer?  
Give reasons for your answer. 4
49. (a) Explain the cosmological argument. 5
- (b) Why do some people **reject** the cosmological argument? 5
50. ‘*Scientists can accept the arguments for God’s existence.*’  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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**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**.

51. (a) What might people mean by ‘suffering and evil’? 5
- (b) *‘Suffering and evil means God can’t exist.’*  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
52. Explain **one** theodicy you have studied. 5
53. Why do some people **reject** the idea of free will? 5
54. *‘Religion gives a good explanation for suffering and evil.’*  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

## Part D — Miracles

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

55. (a) What might people understand by divine intervention? 5
- (b) Do you think it is reasonable to believe in divine intervention?  
Give reasons for your answer. 4
56. (a) Describe one miracle in **nature** you have studied. 5
- (b) How might science explain ‘miracles in nature’? 5
57. ‘*Scriptural miracles should be understood literally.*’  
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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