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General marking principles for National 5 Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies

This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this Paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidate responses.

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must always be assigned in line with these general marking principles and the detailed marking instructions for this assessment.
- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.
- (c) If a specific candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (d) In this question paper the following question types are used:

Knowledge and Understanding

These questions require candidates to make relevant, accurate points which demonstrate their understanding of beliefs, practices, issues and arguments studied. Questions may ask for straightforward description, or explanation, for example of the relationship between ideas, or the impact of a belief, practice or issue.

Skills

These types of questions require candidates to demonstrate skills of analysis and evaluation. Where the question asks for an opinion on a viewpoint, candidates may fully agree, fully disagree or show that there is a case for both sides. Candidates may make use of views and arguments studied to make their case.

(e) **General marking instructions**

- Award **1 mark** for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation.
- Where the point is developed, for example by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark.
- A very well developed point may be awarded up to **4 marks**.
- **A maximum of 1 mark** should be awarded for an unexplained list.
- Candidates may offer a one or two-sided evaluation for full marks.
- No marks for simply stating a personal opinion in evaluation questions. Marks should be awarded for reasons.
- No marks for repeating a point already made in part (b) of an (a)/(b) question, however points repeated in response to a different question should be credited where they are correctly applied in a new context.
- Marks should be awarded for appropriate use of sources.

Marking instructions for each question

Section 1

Part A – Buddhism

Question		General marking instructions for this type of question	Max mark	Specific marking instructions for this question
1.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> these are the characteristics shared by all beings trapped in samsara Anicca is impermanence – nothing is fixed. Everything that exists is in a constant state of change and nothing lasts. You cannot step into the same river twice Anatta – the idea of ‘no self’. Connected to anicca because nothing is fixed so there can’t be a fixed ‘self’ Dukkha – sometimes translated as suffering. It refers to the unsatisfactoriness of life and includes physical and mental suffering we suffer because we cling to the illusion of self and exist in samsara as a result human beings live in a state of delusion about existence because it is hard to accept impermanence, and this leads to suffering ignorance of the 3 Marks of Existence keep the cycle of samsara turning. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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2.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	6	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddhists understand Nibbana to be the extinguishing of the ego and the end of all suffering it is putting out the fires of the 3 Root Poisons it is the end of all craving and worldly desire it is not a place like heaven but a state of mind. It is peace, bliss and liberation from suffering and the samsara cycle Nibbana is the 3rd Noble truth and the goal of all Buddhists the tale of the turtle and the fish illustrate Nibbana. The fish cannot understand the concept of dry land as he has not experienced it, much like a human understanding of Nibbana Nibbana can be achieved by following the eightfold path Nibbana with remainder is when a Buddhist comes to realise and understand nibbana when still alive Nibbana without remainder happens when a Buddhist dies. The heart, mind and body have all now achieved nibbana. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation • where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark • a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks • a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they will seek to follow the Buddha's teachings on how to achieve it • beliefs about Nibbana might make Buddhists strive to escape samsara by following the eightfold path • Buddhists might practise meditation to rid their mind of negative thoughts. Buddhists might practise meditation to realise the truth of existence and rid themselves of delusion • Buddhists might be careful in their thoughts and actions and ensure they are practising compassion and wisdom • Buddhists might practise devotion to the Buddha to build good kamma and escape samsara • Buddhists might take refuge in the sangha to help guide and support them towards their ultimate goal • Buddhists monks will live an ascetic and disciplined lifestyle to fully detach from craving and the ego • lay Buddhists might give material support and offer gifts to monks and so receive good kamma • some Buddhists may feel because they are not monks they may never achieve it. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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3.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> do not take life, instead preserve life and cause no harm. This step is linked to Samsara, and the idea that we should help all other living things avoid suffering do not take what is not given and practice being generous and giving. This can be as simple as not stealing but also includes actions which take into consideration those who suffer because of economic exploitation do not tell lies or distort facts, always speak truthfully. This means being careful with your words and always consider how they may cause harm. Speak with wisdom and compassion cultivate responsibility for the feelings of others and refrain from misuse of the senses. This deals with our relationships with other people and includes sexual conduct. Sex involves powerful emotions which can impede our judgement and make us selfish avoid intoxicants and alcohol which can cloud the mind. Buddhists believe that drugs of any kind are bad because of the effect they have on your self control. Anything which clouds your mind and judgement and makes you less aware of reality is a bad thing. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • following the Precepts will help all Buddhists to attain enlightenment which is the ultimate goal for all • it will always be relevant to follow teachings or philosophies which cause minimal harm to ourselves and others. This is just common sense and decency • it is more relevant than ever that we look after others and be mindful of the consequences of our actions. The world is driven by greed and selfishness and to avoid these is crucial to make a fairer world • social media causes much harm and taking care to not spread misinformation found on the internet could limit this harm. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

Part B – Christianity

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4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation • where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark • a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks • a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • omnipotent – all-powerful, which means He can do any (possible?) thing • omnipresent – everywhere in the universe at the same time • immanent – close to people. This finds its ultimate expression in Jesus, who is Emmanuel (God with us) • omniscient – knows all things, past, present and future, as well as people’s thoughts and motives • transcendent – beyond the physical universe and normal experience • creator of everything • omnibenevolent – entirely good/loving • God loves his creatures and wants to have a relationship with them • interventionist – many believe that God acts in the events of history, and affects the course of events in the physical world. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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5.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	6	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> some believe we will be judged by God on how well we have lived our lives based on our actions and how well we have tried to follow God's rules/commandments some believe people are judged on their belief and faith in God and that belief in God is necessary for salvation the bible includes instances of God's past judgement against individuals or groups of people: the great flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, the boys who taunted Elisha, Ananias and Sapphira the judgement happens after death and those who are considered worthy will have eternal life with God and those who are not will be without God, or be in hell some Christians believe in an intermediate place of purification – purgatory some believe in universal salvation and that because of Jesus' sacrifice, no-one will be sent to hell – all are welcome in the Kingdom of Heaven Christians are taught not to judge others – take the plank out of your own eye before trying to help your brother with the speck in his eye. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> they would try to live good lives, eg following the commandments and teachings of Jesus if they try not to judge others as Jesus taught, they may treat them more compassionately, and have more humility about themselves they may find it scary to think that God is watching all the time – this could take enjoyment out of life it can be comforting to know that Jesus loved everyone, and told his followers that they shouldn't judge others. This can help people to feel valued and welcome in the Kingdom of God they might feel reassured God is the judge, and because he is all-knowing and all-good he will reward them with a place in heaven for bereaved Christians, it could be comforting to think that a life which has been lived faithfully will be rewarded after death the prospect of heaven after death can be enormously comforting as Christians think of it as a place without pain or sadness or death. This would be especially comforting for those who experienced pain, illness or sadness in their life on earth traditional ideas about hell might frighten them, for example, that it is a place of torment, and that it is eternal they might worry about loved ones who have died, in case they get a bad judgement the story of the Sheep and the Goats might be worrying for some Christians as it suggests that people will be judged on how well they have loved their neighbours rather than how religious they were. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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6.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus taught that people should love one another: ‘A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another’ the parable of the good Samaritan teaches that we should love our neighbour, and that this doesn’t just mean those who are like ourselves. It also shows that love is more important than following religious rules Jesus taught that people should work to build the kingdom of God and that even from small beginnings it can grow (parable of the yeast/mustard seed explanation could be used to demonstrate this) Jesus taught people to turn the other cheek rather than take revenge on people who wrong them – to repay unkindness with kindness the story of the sheep and goats show that on judgement day, God will be more concerned with how people have lived than whether they were religious the parable of the lost son teaches that God is loving and forgiving and that we should forgive others, and that it is never too late to seek forgiveness and return to God. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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Part C – Hinduism

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7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation • where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark • a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks • a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God (Brahman) is the One True God and has no shape or form. • Brahman appears in the gods and goddesses which reflect His many different qualities and characteristics. For example, in the form of Vishnu, (preserver God) and all forms of Goddess (Shakti) • Brahman can be known through Avatars of Vishnu like Krishna or in Goddesses such as Durga or Lakshmi. In this ‘friendly form’/personal God (Ishwara) people can relate to Brahman on a personal level • Brahman is in everything and everywhere, especially in things useful to humans such as rivers, cows and trees • Brahman’s true form is beyond human comprehension • Brahman contains the entire universe and all of its forms are Brahman • Brahman blesses worshippers as they experience darshana (the look of God) or consume prashad • Brahman is eternal and infinite; the creator of everything and the knower of everything • many Hindus believe the atman is part of Brahman within them. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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8.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	6	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moksha is the end of the birth, death and rebirth cycle often referred to as 'escape' from samsara it is variously described as 'liberation', 'complete bliss', 'union with Brahman', 'cessation of desires' it is classed as the fourth and ultimate of the 4 aims (<i>arthas</i>) or goals in a Hindu's life Moksha is achieved by overcoming one's ignorance and desires. (Avidya) the state of Moksha is understanding the true nature of reality and acting as one with God/nature, without ego and therefore without Karma the real nature of Moksha cannot be truly explained as it has to be experienced to be understood Moksha is not a place or reward in the afterlife. It is realised in this life Moksha is when the atman is liberated from Samsara it is easier to achieve from the caste of Brahmin there are various yogas/paths to Moksha that help Hindus develop the self-realisation and the spiritual aspect (real and eternal) of human life. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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9.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hindus may follow Sanatana dharma, (eternal law that never changes). 4 parts including non-violence (Ahimsa) and seeking of truth (satya) eg Ahimsa means causing no harm to any living thing and seeking truth involves pursuing the truth of reality and overcoming evil in one's life they may follow Ashrama dharma will change according to your stage of life (student, married man etc), For example as student you must promise to respect teachers and parents, dedicate yourself to your studies and take a vow of chastity until you are married Hindus may follow Varna dharma which is dictated by the caste you are born into as all 4 castes have a different set of duties. For example, a Shudra's (Servants or workers caste) dharma is to earn money honestly usually by doing manual work, serving the needs of others in society. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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Part D – Islam

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10.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muslims believe in Tawhid, the oneness of Allah, His nature is indivisible Allah is the creator and sustainer of everything in the universe Allah is omnipotent which means He is all powerful and can do anything he wills. Allah is both immanent and transcendent which means He is present in the physical world but also beyond the universe Allah is merciful which means He is forgiving of sin Allah is all loving and compassionate which means he cares for people. Allah is omniscient and sees everything past and present. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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11.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	6	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there will be a Day of Judgement at the end of the world everyone, living and dead, will be brought to the Plain of Judgement (also known as the Plain of Arafat) those who have died prior to the Day of Judgement will be resurrected from a state of Barzakh to face their Judgement a person will be judged on their faith and their actions by Allah it is a personal judgement and no-one can intervene on anyone else's behalf one must repent during one's life – it is not possible to repent on the Day of Judgement. That is believed to be too late the sin of shirk is seen as unforgivable those who have believed in Allah and followed the teachings of the Qur'an will be judged well and will go to Paradise (al Jannah) those who have not believed, nor followed the teachings of the Qur'an will be judged poorly and will go to Hell (al Jahannum). <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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12.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Shahadah:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> declaration of Faith I believe there is one God and that Muhammad is his Messenger whispered into the ears of newborn children Muslims try to make sure it is the last thing they say before they die stating this declaration three times, in full sincerity, is all that is needed to become a Muslim. <p>Salat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ritual prayer five times a day in the direction of the Ka'aba in Makkah you can pray in the mosque or in any clean place – perhaps using a prayer mat Wudu (ritual ablution) before prayer follows set Rakats. <p>Saum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> fasting during the month of Ramadan (29 days) no eating or drinking during daylight hours exempt if you are very young, very old, pregnant, ill, travelling etc end of Ramadan is celebrated by Eid ul Fitr. <p>Zakat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contribution of 2.5% of your surplus wealth to help the poor. Those whose surplus wealth has not exceeded the 'nisab' are exempt given once a year used as a tax in some Muslim countries can be donated at a mosque.

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			<p>Hajj:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrimage to Makkah • during the month of Dhul Hijjah • must be completed once in your lifetime, unless you belong to one of the exemption categories, eg disabled, elderly, can't afford to go etc • pilgrims wear Ihram – seamless, white garments • must complete the required stages of the pilgrimage to be classed as a Haji (male) or Hajiya (female) • the stages include circling of the Ka'aba seven times (Tawaf), request forgiveness of sins on the Plain of Arafat, run between the hills of Safa and Marwa, stoning the pillars at Mina, men shave their head • the end of Hajj is marked by Eid ul Adha, and lambs/goats are sacrificed. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list candidates may offer a one or two sided evaluation for full marks no marks for simply stating a personal opinion. Marks should be awarded for reasons. 	8	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> they can feel incompatible with aspects of modern world, especially if you live in a non-Muslim country not reasonable to expect to get time off work or school for prayer during the day with global warming it is now too hot to go to Saudi Arabia for many people. In 2024 many people died of extreme heat these are teachings from 1500 years ago and were not meant for the modern world we no longer need zakat because we pay taxes and we have a welfare state. <p>Disagree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> they enable you to show your submission to Allah. benefits of Saum is that it cultivates gratitude and feeling for the poor and hungry you are demonstrating you are a part of the Ummah, and the Ummah supports you as you submit in times of difficulty in life, Salah serves as a refuge for the weary prayer helps fight temptation against doing evil sense of brotherhood/sisterhood and gives a sense of community learn more about self-discipline, sacrifice, obedience etc paying the alms tax is relevant in a world where many people are struggling overcome greed and selfishness in a selfish world through the act of Salah, you find solace and serenity in the midst of life's challenges and tribulations you will be rewarded on the Day of Judgement. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

Part E – Judaism

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13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation • where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark • a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks • a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is only one God • God is an indivisible entity – can't be divided up • God's 'Oneness' is unique – there is no other being like God • God alone made the universe. He doesn't need anyone else • God doesn't have a physical form or qualities • God is eternal. He existed before everything and will exist after everything • God reveals his will to his people in the giving of the commandments • God punishes/rewards according to faithfulness to the commandments • God is powerful – shown by inflicting plagues on Egypt/parting the Red Sea • God is a deliverer because he led the Jews to freedom from slavery • God is involved in the world – not distant and remote • he keeps his promises – the exodus fulfils his promises to Abraham • God knows the thoughts and deeds of human beings. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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14.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	6	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God judges each soul, and decides its eternal destiny some believe people are divided into three groups: the righteous, the wicked, and those in between Jews have different ideas about what punishment or reward might mean, eg Gan Eden is a paradise after death, and some believe in a place of punishment others say there is no literal paradise or hell, instead the righteous experience nearness to God, or shame depending on how well they have observed the 613 commandments for some Judgment is associated with the resurrection of the dead, the Messianic age and the end of the world some believe God judges people every year at Rosh Hashana, and seals His judgements in the Book of Life at Yom Kippur many believe judgement affords an opportunity for purification/atonement for the wrong things they have done the Torah tends to describe immediate reward and punishment, rather than future judgement. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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15.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by declaring and following the Shema – ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.’ The prayer is recited daily, morning and night, and is included in the synagogue liturgy. Jewish males use Tefillin boxes to bind the commandments to the forehead and arm as required by the prayer, and Jews will attach mezuzot to the door frames of their houses. Most importantly they will worship God exclusively by observing Brit Milah. Baby boys are circumcised on the 8th day by a Mohel. It can take place at home, or in the Synagogue, and the father must be present. An empty chair is provided for Elijah who is believed to at the ceremony. The baby may be presented for circumcision by the mother or grandmother and is placed on the lap of a specially chosen person – the Sandek. After the ceremony the child receives his Hebrew name, and a couple of drops of wine are placed on his tongue by observing Kashrut: Jews can follow religious dietary laws, which means they will only consume food that is kosher (fit), and that they will prepare it in accordance with Jewish law. This includes the kind of animal and the way in which they are killed, including draining away their blood. Fruit and vegetables need to be checked to ensure there are no insects on them which cannot be eaten. Meat and milk products are not eaten at the same time, and they should be prepared using different utensils by observing Shabbat: Jews will rest from their work from sundown on Friday until Saturday evening. Particular kinds of work (39 categories) are not done, for example, ‘kindling a fire’, ‘striking with a hammer’ – all kinds of work associated with the building of the Sanctuary in the desert. Today this includes things like turning on a light or a cooker or driving a car. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list candidates may offer a one or two sided evaluation for full marks no marks for simply stating a personal opinion. Marks should be awarded for reasons. 	8	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the rules given in the covenant were not intended for a modern context, eg what is or isn't classed as 'work' when observing the Sabbath? faithfulness to the covenant marks Jews out as different, and this has made them more vulnerable to prejudice and discrimination in society. Perhaps in a multicultural 21st century, people should be giving more attention to what they have in common some aspects of Torah living may seem outdated, or inappropriate alongside contemporary secular values and the rule of law, eg views about the different roles of men and women, and how to punish offenders there are practical implications which can make day-to-day living too hard, eg needing to live within walking distance of the Synagogue, having access to Kosher food, knowing whether cloth used to make clothes is kosher etc. <p>Disagree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the covenant is the basis for the Jews' relationship with God as a people, so it is as relevant today as it was when first given. By observing their side of the covenant agreement with God, Jews show that they are faithful to him, he remains faithful to them the mitzvot are given by God, who is all-knowing and all-good, so Jews can be confident that they give them the best possible way to live living according to the Torah binds Jews together as a community and enables them to feel a deep connection with their ancestors and those who will come after them. This is especially important because Jews may not be geographically connected keeping the covenant by following the rules in the Torah is how the Jews become 'a light to the nations', so they are not just benefitting themselves, but the whole world for many Jews it will hasten the coming of the Messianic age, and a better world to come. This remains a key tenet of Jewish faith even though reformed Jews may see room for interpreting the rules in the Torah for the 21st century, they would argue that the principles still apply, and that the covenant relationship with God is central. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

Part F – Sikhism

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16.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation • where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark • a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks • a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sikhs believe in One God (Waheguru) • God is beyond time and space • God is formless, so cannot be captured in a form and should not be worshipped as an image • God has no gender • God cannot be understood, but can be experienced through love and contemplation • God is both beyond everything and unattached (nirgun) and immanent (sargun), revealing the truth to people through the gurus, scripture and creation • God is the creator of the universe • God exists within everyone as the atma. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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17.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	6	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> when Jivan Muhkti is achieved at death, it is the end of the birth, death and rebirth cycle often referred to as ‘escape’ from samsara it is variously described as ‘liberation’, ‘complete bliss’, ‘union with Waheguru’, ‘cessation of desires’ it is classed as the ultimate aim or goal in a Sikh’s life the state of Jivan Muhkti is understanding the true nature of reality and lifting the veil of Maya the real nature of Jivan Muhkti cannot be truly explained as it has to be experienced to be understood Jivan Muhkti is not a place or reward in the afterlife. It is realised in this life a state of a ‘liberated sage’ or realised yogi, free from selfishness but who still lives in the world the highest spiritual state of being in tune with the Ultimate while still living a person who achieves Jivan Muhkti radiates love, gentleness and compassion Jivan Muhkti is full of God’s presence and at one with God they realise the illusory nature of the world and are not affected by sensual objects when such a person dies, they will not be born into any physical form but will remain permanently united with God who is pure Spirit. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it could shape their future pathway in life because it can be obtained during this lifetime it may influence them to develop the virtues of truth and truthful living as well as wisdom and courage it may influence them to perform sewa this may influence them to be totally focused on God which comes through prayer, through training the mind and is achieved through the grace of God it may influence them to listen to and obey God's Will or Hukam known as gurmukh it could shape their future pathway in life because of what they must 'get rid of'. The barriers they must remove are: The five evils: pride (ahankar), anger (krodh), lust (kam), greed (lobh) and attachment (moh) it may change them to see that things in this world are temporary and unimportant (such as material possessions) they respond to the suffering in the world by offering compassion and love it may influence Sikhs in not trying to create positive karma, because in doing so, the person is thinking about themselves and how <i>they</i> will benefit instead of thinking about God. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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18.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Final goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the final goal for Sikhs is reunion of the soul with God it is to enter Sach Khand, the Realm of Truth it is to finally be free from the cycle of birth, death and rebirth it means the final stage of spiritual development has been reached. Khalsa the body of all baptised Sikhs, ie those who have been initiated with holy water in the Amrit ceremony they are required only to believe in One God who controls everything identified by the five Ks bound by a code of conduct that includes; not removing any hair from the body, not eating halal meat, avoiding intoxicants like alcohol or tobacco. <p>Human beings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> human life comes from God human beings have a dual nature all of us have an immortal soul (atma) as well as a physical body the atma is part of God and immortal the soul has existed since before the creation of the universe the soul has journeyed through many life forms and, in this life, has been reborn into a human form. In the GGS, Guru Arjan expresses this belief by saying: You have been blessed being born human, it is an opportunity given to you to meet God God is also within all creation, including human beings physical and emotional needs are not bad and should not be neglected – these are all part of God’s creation. <p>Equality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> central to equality is the Langar. Free meal regardless of sex, colour or religion. Guru Nanak Dev Ji established the Langar. All food vegetarian rejection of the Hindu caste system. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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Section 2

Part A – Morality and justice

Question		General marking instructions for this type of question	Max mark	Specific marking instructions for this question
19.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Retribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the idea that the punishment should fit the crime, or be equal to it some see it as a form of ‘payback’ or revenge can mean restoration – where the offender is able to right their wrong and restore things to right (for example, community service fixing vandalism if the crime was vandalism). <p>Deterrence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> here the punishment aims to put people off committing the crime in the first place, or from reoffending it may involve overly harsh punishments to deter for example, chopping off a hand for theft gives us an example (usually a negative one) of what will happen if we step out of line – in the hope that we choose not to can take place before the crime ever happens, therefore preventing crime. Eg a speed camera to deter someone from speeding. <p>Reformation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reformation is where the punishment aims to change the behaviour of the offender in the future so that they no longer offend. it may involve learning about what you have done wrong and resolving not to do it again could involve helping you with your behaviour – psychological help to change violent behaviour, for instance could be practical help which tries to give you an alternative to going back to crime when you are released – perhaps learning a new skill which you can use to get a job when released. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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			<p>Islam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islam can support deterrence as a purpose of punishment as Shariah law intends for people to be deterred by the harsh punishments that are carried out in public. The hope is that this will prevent crime • Muslims may say that the purpose of punishment is atonement, for justice to be done. If a person atones here on earth, they will not be punished in the afterlife • Muslims may support retribution as shariah law allows punishments that are equal to the crime committed • Muslims may also support reform as it is seen as virtuous in Islam to forgive. Reform might also be understood as part of atonement – it is important in Islam for an offender to see the wrong of their actions and to change. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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20.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation • where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark • a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks • a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it goes against human rights which are supposed to apply to all people no matter what they have done. It is a painful and degrading punishment • capital punishment doesn't allow the offender to reform which is the main aim of punishment in a civilised society • because of the impact of executing a person on their family and loved ones. They have committed no crime but they suffer the loss of a family member • capital punishment is motivated by revenge which only increases pain and suffering to everyone, if someone gets satisfaction from the torture and killing of an offender is that moral? • we can securely hold offenders and protect society without needing to execute them, so there is no need for it, is doing it for other reasons morally acceptable? • we know there have been miscarriages of justice in the past, how can we allow such an ultimate punishment when we know innocent people have been executed? • should the government be able to take the lives of its people? Capital punishment sends a mixed message that taking life is not acceptable, but then the government takes life. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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21.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> poverty – a person might commit crime because they are in poverty, for example someone might steal food out of desperation. Poverty might mean that a person turns to crime to have a better lifestyle – it might seem like their only option addiction – a person might commit crime to pay for drugs that they are addicted to, or they may commit a crime because they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol environmental factors – a person might commit a crime because of their environment, for example they may have been brought up in an environment where there is a lot of crime and it is normalised or seen as the only way out of their situation greed/self-interest – a person might commit crime because it benefits them personally or financially crimes of passion – a person may commit crime due to intense emotions, they might hurt someone through anger etc psychological factors – a person may commit a crime due to a severe mental health issue that prevents them from realising what they are doing at the time. They may have a psychological condition such as psychopathy where they do not empathise with others. <p>Award a maximum of 3 marks if only one cause is given.</p> <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation • where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark • a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks • a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list • candidates may offer a one or two sided evaluation for full marks • no marks for simply stating a personal opinion. Marks should be awarded for reasons. 	8	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the effects of the crime are the same no matter what the cause is, it's still wrong and they have still brought about suffering so should suffer the consequences • people need to take responsibility for their own actions and not use the causes of crime as an excuse. There are plenty of people who are poor for example who do not commit crime • the sentence should be related to the crime instead of the sympathy being with the offender • it may send out the wrong message if we give more lenient sentences to some people because of their circumstances, giving people an excuse. <p>Disagree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it's unfair to give the same sentence and ignore the reasons why someone committed a crime. If they were desperate or couldn't help it, then to give them the same punishment as someone else isn't fair • sentencing should be about trying to reform the offender, and you can't do that if you don't consider the causes of the crime. for example, some community payback orders include attending help for addiction, this is more likely to be successful in reforming the offender and making society safer overall • the best way to deal with crime should be to try and address the root causes of it that way you can reduce crime. There is a clear link between rising poverty (for example due to benefit sanctions) and a rise in survival crime that harsh sentencing will not reduce • the only way to fully understand the crime committed and how harshly it should be judged would be to know the circumstances. For example, if someone is a victim of domestic violence and then they eventually fight back, this should be taken into account. • it's not always someone's fault that they have committed a crime – they could have stolen because they are extremely poor and needed to eat. Surely this isn't as bad as someone who is wealthy who commits fraud?

Part B – Morality and relationships

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22.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Trafficking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sex trafficking where people are transported often by force to work as prostitutes to make money for other people Amnesty International found that women in the windows of Amsterdam had been tricked into prostitution by being promised a career in dance but they would actually be working as sex workers. <p>Pay inequality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inequality of pay – women are exploited as they earn up to 20% less than men for doing the same work this goes against the equal pay act but companies get away with it by giving people different job titles or by paying people bonuses. <p>Pornography:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pornography can be very exploitative for women and men as they are treated like objects pornography can also be violent and set up unrealistic expectations of people's bodies or sex as well as leading to exploitation in relationships television, movies and advertising can portray women as objects to boost the appeal of eg a product includes the presentation of women as sexual objects or the projection of a 'beauty ideal' that women are expected to reflect this can ignore the wellbeing or interests of women, and can lead to harms, eg negative stereotypes and eating disorders in pursuit of an unrealistic beauty standard. <p>Award a maximum of 3 marks if only one cause is given.</p> <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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			<p>Judaism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Jewish story is one of both slavery and redemption. Every year Jewish people recount Exodus story, the journey of the Jewish ancestors from slavery to freedom. This re-telling forms the core of Jewish empathy for the most vulnerable, and the importance of upholding the right for every individual to be free • Jews believe that each and every one of us is made in the image of God – B'tselem Elohim, so all humans should be treated with dignity and respect • the fight to end human trafficking must be rooted in both justice (tzedek) and compassion (chesed). <p>Hinduism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hindus believe in karma which is the law of cause and effect so they would believe exploitation would lead to bad consequences either in this life or the next • Hindus should follow their dharma or duty in life and should do so in a peaceful way as they believe in concept called ahimsa which means non-violence • Hindus would be against exploitation as it would have a negative impact on achieving the ultimate goal of Moksha • some people might believe that some aspects of Hinduism might be exploitative such as the caste system as Dalits (Untouchables) can be treated badly and discriminated against. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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Part C – Morality, environment and global issues

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25.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> people might be long term unemployed and have no prospect of a job. This might be due to poor education or limited aspirations people might be involved in crime and have a criminal record which prevents them from having a job generational poverty exists when families have nothing to leave their children when they die. This can widen the gap between rich and poor in wealthier countries people might have addiction problems which consumes much of their income people with poor health may struggle to work/provide for themselves and/or their family people might live in countries which have poor or no welfare state natural disasters or conflict can damage infrastructure and the economy, resulting in increased poverty people may be refugees from conflict/natural disaster and have nothing. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • according to the Qur'an, zakat is given for 'the poor and the needy' (one of the 5 Pillars) • since wealth ultimately belongs to Allah, giving Zakah both helps to make people more equal and equates to helping Allah. <p>Judaism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jews have a duty to help the poor and those in need because all life is sacred and therefore everyone should be treated with dignity, equality and justice • Jews believe that since wealth is 'on loan' from God, they should give to charity and promote justice for the poor. 'Open your hand to the poor and your neighbours in your land who are in need. (Deut.15:11)' • Tzedakah means 'righteousness' or 'justice' and is often used to refer to charity. Tzedakah is a mitzvah, or good deed, that is considered an obligation to help others and bring fairness to the world. <p>Sikhism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sikhism teaches that everyone is equal and that people living in poverty should be helped; through <i>dan</i>, Sikhs can serve humanity by giving money to charity • Vand Chhakna – sharing what one earns, and the giving of charity is a religious duty because Sikhs believe it encourages compassion • Sewa – giving selfless service to the community should be practised in all areas of a Sikh's life. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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Part D – Morality, medicine and the human body

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28.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Palliative care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> palliative care aims to manage the pain and suffering of the dying person by providing pain relief drugs and therapies eg chemotherapy or radiotherapy to control the progression of cancer it does not cure the underlying condition palliative care can happen at home, in hospital, in a hospice patients are involved in decisions about their palliative care can be delivered by specialist nurses, eg Macmillan, Marie Curie. <p>Hospice care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hospices specialise in palliative care they also help with any spiritual, emotional and psychological help for the patient and their family the focus is on maintaining quality and dignity of life patients may stay in the hospice or attend as day patients. <p>Marks may be awarded if candidates present Euthanasia or Assisted dying as a form of end-of-life care.</p> <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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30.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in vitro fertilisation (IVF) is available to help people with fertility problems have a baby. The egg is fertilised in a dish before implanting in the woman's uterus the embryo can be selected by people who have serious inherited diseases in their family and want to avoid passing the disease onto their children eg Cystic fibrosis replacing an egg's defective mitochondrial DNA with healthy DNA from a female donor's egg (three parent babies), for example, muscular dystrophy research into why some embryos turn out to be healthier than others. This knowledge will help IVF success rates research how diseases occur or why certain cells develop into cancer cells to develop new treatments extracting and growing new stem cells in a laboratory to research replacing damaged organs or tissues grow specific tissue from stem cells in order to test new drugs or substances for safety and effectiveness by producing 'saviour siblings', embryos selected because they are a tissue match for an existing child who may be sick with a disease such as leukaemia and who needs a transplant of stem cells from a matched donor. <p>Award a maximum of 3 marks if only one use is given.</p> <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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Part E – Morality and conflict

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31.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Sanctions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sanctions are employed to avoid war by placing limits on e.g. trade or on citizens economic sanctions play an important role in the response to terrorism, and nuclear proliferation sanctions are economic penalties designed to hurt a country and so eventually force them to negotiate a path of compromise diplomatic sanctions aim to isolate a country by limiting their diplomatic ties such as the removal of a country’s embassy sports sanctions aim to prevent a country’s people and teams from competing in international events and so isolate them from the world stage sanctions aim to change the behaviour of an unreasonable enemy and make them more willing to compromise and negotiate. <p>Diplomacy and negotiation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> this involves promoting communication and dialogue in order to reach a mutual agreement without resorting to violence It may use mechanisms of the UN to bring the different sides together it aims to enable both sides to save face, and will usually require both sides to make concessions. <p>Pacifism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pacifism is the belief that war should be avoided at all costs. War is immoral and takes away people’s humanity an absolute pacifist believes that war is always wrong regardless of the situation or enemy. They think that the value of human life is so high that nothing can justify killing a person deliberately a conditional pacifist is against war and violence in principle but could accept circumstances when war would be less bad than the alternative

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an active pacifist is against violence but will participate in a war they feel is justified in other ways eg medic at the front line or ambulance driver • pacifists believe that peacebuilding is a non-violent way of progressing society and conducting politics. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	6	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Christianity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus taught love for enemies and resolving conflicts without violence therefore sanctions might be viewed as the best response to aggression diplomacy encourages peaceful dialogue ‘Blessed are the peacemakers’ (Matthew 5:9) many Christians, especially Quakers, believe Jesus’ teachings promote complete non-violence so support Pacifism the command to ‘turn the other cheek’ (Matthew 5:39) supports a pacifist stance some Christians might argue that alternatives to war, whilst idealistic, deny the reality of dictators and tyrants who are determined to cause violence and oppression Christians might endorse the Just War Theory which states that a war is justifiable if it follows a certain list of criteria and its final objective is to establish justice. <p>Islam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Salam</i> (peace) is one of Allah’s names. This highlights peace is a key value in Islam and many Muslims might support sanctions to avoid aggression Islam encourages resolving conflicts through dialogue and treaties (Quran 49:9-10) the Quran states: ‘If they incline to peace, then incline to it also’ (Quran 8:61). Islam encourages Muslims to seek alternatives to war in the first instance but states that sometimes war is the better of two evils it can be a religious duty to go to war if it is in defence of the Ummah but also in defence of non-Muslims who are being oppressed therefore pacifism has limitations.

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			<p>Judaism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judaism values peace highly: ‘Seek peace and pursue it’ (Psalm 34:14). This means some Jewish people might support sanctions instead of violence to meet aggression • however, sanctions must align with the principle of <i>tzedakah</i> (justice and charity) • the Hebrew term <i>shalom</i> means peace, harmony, and well-being which emphasises resolving conflicts through discussion and compromise • Judaism is not strictly pacifist, but peace is the ultimate goal. The concept of <i>shalom bayit</i> [peace in the home/community] reflects a commitment to harmony • in Judaism alternatives to war is preferable but states that force is acceptable in self-defence • some wars have been obligatory/mitzvot because God commanded them therefore alternatives to war have limitations. <p>Sikhism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sikhism promotes peace and non-violence where possible but does not teach pacifism • in some circumstances <i>Dharam Yudh</i>, meaning war in the defence of righteousness, is permissible • in Sikhism the Khalsa encourages military discipline and Sikhs should be ready to fight a Just War • war must be a last resort as Sikhs must be willing to defend what’s right eg Sikhs fought in the world wars. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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32.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> some may question whether the aims of the war are morally justifiable, eg is it to bring about peace or is it for revenge? is any kind of strategy acceptable if it gets you the result you want, eg is it right to destroy a city to gain a tactical advantage? what are the potential consequences of war? Eg, refugees, damage to environment and death of innocents. Does it result in the greater good, or does it make things worse? should war always be defensive, or can it be right to be the aggressor? Should there be limits on who can declare a war? Should it always be a state, or are oppressed people justified in taking part in civil war or uprisings? can a war ever be fought morally? What sorts of rules would need to be followed, eg Geneva Conventions, Just War Principles? is it immoral to involve civilians in a war? If so, is it possible to limit effects to combatants? some kinds of weapons, if deployed might make the war immoral, eg WMD. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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33.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Weapons of Mass Destruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explosive power of nuclear weapons is phenomenal, as result of a nuclear chain reaction those at the point of detonation of a nuclear weapon will be vapourised immediately. Those further away may be killed by the force of the blast, others by various forms of radiation, some of which will damage cells and take a very long time to kill you very painfully at Hiroshima, within a radius of half a mile, the only remains of most of the people caught in the open were their shadows burnt into stone People in underground shelters who survive the initial heat flash will die as all the oxygen is sucked out of the atmosphere. In the long term Radiation-induced cancers will affect many Radiation from a nuclear blast can contaminate the environment for hundreds of thousands of years. This radiation can kill or sicken people and animals, and could lead to the extinction of endangered species. <p>Smart Weapons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> missile equipped with a laser, television, or satellite guidance system. Can be programmed to strike a specific target by entering coordinates. eg a Tomahawk/cruise missile someone in an aeroplane or on the ground points a laser at a target, a computer on the smart missile finds the reflection of the laser on the target some can be programmed to seek out certain properties – like heat seeking missiles which can ‘chase’ a moving enemy target like a jet. <p>Conventional weapons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> any weapons that are in relatively wide use that are not weapons of mass destruction. For example, guns, grenades and landmines multiple Launch Rocket System can fire rockets with warheads filled with 644 bomblets, which disperse in mid-air to shower the target

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bombs that are just larger than was used in the past. Eg the 'Mother of All Bombs' dropped on Afghanistan was 9,800KG and destroyed everything within 90 meters. <p>Award a maximum of 3 marks if only one form of modern armament is given.</p> <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation • where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark • a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks • a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list • candidates may offer a one or two sided evaluation for full marks • no marks for simply stating a personal opinion. Marks should be awarded for reasons. 	8	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WMD act as a deterrence to all out war • mutually assured destruction is the only way to ensure a global nuclear war does not happen as leaders of countries know the possible consequences of any major act of aggression towards another state • by everyone having nuclear weapons it means there is an equality to the geopolitical landscape and powerful Western countries and their allies cannot bully, invade and plunder without impunity • possessing nuclear weapons means that countries will be listened to and respected on the world stage. <p>Disagree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weapons of mass destruction make the world unstable. Every country having them will only increase the possibility of a major global war which could signal the end of human society as we know it • weapons of mass destruction are indiscriminate and cause massive damage to life • weapons of mass destruction can cause significant damage to infrastructure and the environment which may take decades to repair • WMD are costly to build and maintain. This money would be better spent furthering human progress • the possibility of an accident or nuclear weapons falling into the wrong hands could lead to a massive global incident with devastating consequences. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

Section 3

Part A – Origins

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34.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> universe began with a vast inflationary expansion on a massive scale this happened around 13.8 billion years ago everything originally concentrated into a very dense ‘particle’ called a singularity particles which were produced expanded and cooled, some clumped together by gravity and formed galaxies out of which came suns clouds of gas developed which spun under the force of gravity, heat produced first planets, stars. . . elements – hydrogen, helium, carbon, oxygen, etc everything in the universe, including time, began with the big bang the universe is still expanding today. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list candidates may offer a one or two sided evaluation for full marks no marks for simply stating a personal opinion. Marks should be awarded for reasons. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is evidence to support it such as redshift and the expanding Universe it is possible to believe in both the Big Bang and God, because God would be the cause of the Big Bang science explains <i>how</i> things happen but religion explains <i>why</i> stories like creation in the Bible are not literal but show important lessons that fit with science. <p>Disagree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it removes the need for a creator God evidence against the Big Bang would be found in Genesis as the earth was created in 6 days the universe is too perfect for it to all be down to chance scientific information is constantly changing. The big bang theory could be replaced in the future. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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35.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> people might believe in evolution because they have learnt about the process in science they might believe in evolution because they have been brought up to believe in science rather than religious explanations there is evidence of evolution such as fossils which show species developed over time from simple to more complex species Charles Darwin discovered various different species of finches on the Galapagos Islands which show that rather than species being created distinctly they adapted to food availability. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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36.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Buddhism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddhism does not have a creator God, but the Agganna Sutta does include an origins story Buddha talked about an expanding and contracting universe as the universe expanded earth emerged, and it was beautiful beings of light were attracted to it and as they became attached light left them, forming the sun, moon and stars through their attachment to the earth they became arrogant, greedy, lustful, envious and violent the divisions between people that resulted are the origins of the Castes. <p>Christianity/Judaism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God creates the universe in 6 days God calls all things into being with a command – ‘let there be . . .’ creates domains: heavens, air, sea, land, and their inhabitants: sun, moon and stars, plants and animals humans made last, and in God’s image God rests from His work on the 7th day. <p>Islam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allah says ‘Be’ and it becomes Allah makes everything – heavens, earth, angels, animals he sends rain to make plants grow angels bring Allah soil in 7 different colours. From this he creates man, and breathes his breath into them woman is made from man’s rib. <p>Hinduism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> when the universe dies a vast ocean is left. Vishnu (The Preserver) floats on the ocean, resting on Ananta, the great snake

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the sound ‘Om’ grows and spreads waking Vishnu from his sleep • a lotus emerges from Vishnu’s navel and resting within it is Brahma (the Creator) • Brahma wakes, and Vishnu tells him to make the world • he splits the lotus in 3 to create the heavens, sky and earth • then splits himself to make all life – plants, then animals and humans, then sensation. <p>Sikhism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before the universe only Waheguru existed • Waheguru created everything with a single word • created Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva • Waheguru increased attachment, but remained unattached • combined air, fire and water to make human bodies • created consciousness and sensation. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation • where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark • a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks • a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list • candidates may offer a one or two sided evaluation for full marks • no marks for simply stating a personal opinion. Marks should be awarded for reasons. 	8	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is more evidence for scientific theories such as the Big Bang and evolution than for the Biblical creation stories which are pre-scientific • we need to understand the beginnings of the universe through empirical evidence as this is more reliable and which is the grounding of the scientific method • it might be very difficult to believe in a literal interpretation of the creation stories eg how could God create the earth in 6 days when the Big Bang was 13.8 billion years ago? • some of the stories in the creation stories are far-fetched and simply can't be true such as women being created out of a rib. <p>Disagree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • science does not disprove creation stories but simply answers different questions – science tells us 'how' and the religious stories tell us 'why' so it is possible to believe in both • each of the 6 days could represent a period of time as the Hebrew word for day can be translated in different ways • believing in the creation stories is a matter of faith not proof so it is up to the individual person what they choose to believe • the stories have important messages and are not meant to be understood literally eg God meant for humanity and the world to exist • Holy books are the word of God so are infallible and should not be questioned. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

Part B – The existence of God

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37.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it proposes that for the universe to exist it must have been caused everything that exists has a cause of its existence the Universe exists so the Universe has a cause many causes can be traced back through time, but it does not make sense to keep going forever. This means there needs to be a first uncaused cause the only thing that could create the Universe is God therefore God is the creator God is the First Cause, the Prime Mover God does not need a cause because God has always existed and always will – God is eternal. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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38.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paley proposed if you were walking across a heath and came across a stone you might suppose it had always been there but if you came across a watch you might assume it had a designer due to its complex design for it to serve the purpose of telling the time the word 'Telos' means purpose, so it is about the universe being here for a reason a-posteriori argument, it is based on observation of the nature of the universe Paley uses analogy to compare the world to Universe. The Universe shows a huge amount of complexity and regularity examples of regularity include the seasons and structure of the solar system. Purpose includes things like eyes for seeing and wings for flying. Other examples can be given the only designer powerful and intelligent enough to design the world is an all loving and all-powerful God. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is no proof that the universe needs a designer, maybe it has always been there there is evidence of bad design in the world, so perhaps this is down to chance natural disasters like earthquakes point to a bad designer rather than the God of traditional Theism comparisons used to explain the design argument are not appropriate, a mechanical watch is not comparable to organic life natural processes/the laws of physics/chance and necessity are enough to give a complete explanation so there is no need to resort to the idea of a designer God belief that there is a creator relies on a leap of faith – the universe was designed therefore it was God who designed it Hume’s objections, including objections against monotheistic assumption evolutionary theory acknowledges the appearance of design but suggests that this has arisen due to entirely natural forces. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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Part C – The problem of suffering and evil

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	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list candidates may offer a one or two sided evaluation for full marks no marks for simply stating a personal opinion. Marks should be awarded for reasons. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is omnipotent (all powerful), so he is capable of intervening, some would say he does by performing miracles God is meant to be omniscient (all-knowing), so he must know about the suffering and evil in the world, as well as knowing in advance of it God is loving and many religious people feel that God does help them to stop suffering through prayer and comfort etc. <p>Disagree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God has given us the tools to help stop suffering from happening to others, we need to take responsibility for the actions of humans that cause suffering God can't intervene because to do so would interfere with free will There could be a purpose behind our suffering, for example – suffering can make us appreciate the good in life and help us to grow as a person God has a plan for us, and doesn't give us more suffering than we are able to handle. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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41.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Augustinian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created the world perfect without evil or suffering in the beginning God gave humans freewill, which is the ability to choose our actions suffering and evil enter the world as a result of human beings' disobedience in the Garden of Eden. Through misusing their freewill suffering and evil exist suffering and evil continue because humans have inherited their sinful nature from Adam and Eve evil isn't a thing that was created, it's the absence of good God is still all loving and good – there is no evil in him God is still all loving and good because he is merciful, humans can choose to accept Jesus and God's grace and be saved. <p>Irenaean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is a purpose to our suffering, it helps us to develop God made humans imperfect, so God is partly responsible for suffering and evil to make humans perfect would mean removing their freewill by making humans imperfect and giving them freewill they have the chance to grow and become good. We are made in God's image but grow into his likeness the perfect creation is still in process, we are part of that and are developing our souls eventually good will overcome evil evil is necessary to know what is good. <p>Award marks for any defence of God's goodness in the face of suffering.</p> <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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42.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> determinism is the belief that every action is the inevitable result of the events and actions that occurred previously this means that freewill is an illusion. We are a mixture of biology and our experiences in life, which we have little control over the natural law of cause and effect means that there are things we don't seem to have any choice in causal determinism proposes that there is an unbroken chain of prior occurrences stretching back to the origin of the universe soft determinism/compatibilist – acknowledges that all events, including human actions, have causes; but it allows for some free actions when the actions are caused by one's choices rather than external forces theological determinism – God knows us before we are born, and there is a plan for us which suggests our lives are determined. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation • where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark • a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks • a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. • candidates may offer a one or two sided evaluation for full marks • no marks for simply stating a personal opinion. Marks should be awarded for reasons. 	8	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>Agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • humans are the ones who choose to do bad things to others that hurt them and cause suffering – eg cheating in relationships, violence, wars, harming the environment etc • humans chose to disobey God and as a result they brought suffering into the world (the fall) • Buddhism shows that suffering is caused by tanha and that we can all choose to follow the eightfold path and achieve Nibbana, so we are responsible to a certain extent because we can end suffering for ourselves • Hinduism shows that we suffer because of our Karma, so we are responsible for our suffering, and we can improve our situation by following our Dharma. <p>Disagree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suffering can be caused by natural forces which are beyond our control, eg the movement of the earth’s tectonic plates causes earthquakes, or DNA mutates which cause disease. This is clearly not anyone’s fault • we do not have freewill, everything is determined, so it is not our fault. People are part of the physical world of matter. This has to follow the laws of physics making it totally predictable. This means our thoughts, feelings and decisions are a result of matter following physical laws, so free will is an illusion • It is just the way the world is, for Buddhists our suffering is caused by Tanha which can be attachment to impermanence, so we suffer when things change, but we have NO control over impermanence, so we are not the cause of it. • God is responsible for the suffering in the world because God created a world full of suffering ‘built in’. For the world to exist it is necessary for there to be some suffering in it or the laws of nature would not work eg, fire would need to stop being hot, so it didn’t burn you etc. We did not create the world or the laws of nature, so we are not responsible for suffering • some religious people will argue that suffering is necessary and has a purpose which seems to imply that God is responsible for the suffering in the world • God gave humans freewill despite knowing what they would do with it, therefore God is responsible for our misuse of it. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

Part D – Miracles

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43.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God/gods intervening in the life of humans or nature natural and healing miracles taking place a revelation of God's nature, will or plans for humanity a break or warp in the laws of nature by God to change the actions/outcomes for someone an act of teaching, punishment, reward or help by a divine being prayers being answered examples of divine intervention in history/scripture. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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44.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	5	<p>Responses could include:</p> <p>If scriptural miracles are read literally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> these miracles are recorded in scripture and, as it is God's true word, it cannot be doubted and should be taken as truth these miracles show the power of God over natural forces, illness and disease they are clear examples of God showing compassion and mercy miracles in scripture cover a range of positive events such as miracles of nature, provisions of food, protection from enemies etc miracles in scripture can also provide an opportunity to understand God's justice and punishments these miracles happened over the course of thousands of years, they are not an everyday occurrence, we should appreciate that God has intervened in the past and that he might intervene in the future God is not abusing free will in this, he is showing compassion and love when God alters the natural laws that he created, he is doing this as a display of his power, this was then recorded in scripture. <p>If scriptural miracles are read metaphorically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> these miracles are a revelation of God's nature, and should be taken symbolically scripture was a product of the writer's time, culture and place of living. It is possible that changes or mistakes have been made, so the actual written account should not be fully relied on some might argue that we should take the miracle accounts metaphorically and interpret them in the context of the modern world some might argue that some of the miracles are real, and some are misunderstood for example some people believed that some people who showed symptoms of epilepsy were possessed by demons miracles can be read in a symbolic way, understanding that a relationship with God can provide healing, eg improvement in mental health or reduction in stress the purpose of some of the miracles are not clear or are not easily understood eg Jesus cursing a fig tree. <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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45.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> award 1 mark for a clear and relevant statement, description, reason or explanation where the point is developed, eg by offering further detail, additional explanation or example, award a second mark a very well developed point may be awarded up to 4 marks a maximum of 1 mark should be awarded for an unexplained list. 	4	<p>Describe one non-scriptural miracle.</p> <p>Responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a worshipper made an offering of milk to a statue of Ganesha. When a spoonful of milk from the bowl was held to the trunk of the statue the milk disappeared it had been drunk by Ganesha. Word of the miracle spread and within hours hundreds of statues were taking in milk some Charismatic Christians in the UK claimed that God turned their ordinary dental fillings into gold during church services. They believed they experienced a phenomenon associated with the Toronto Blessing. Gold dust also appeared on their heads and hands. <p>Any other non-scriptural miracle. eg the Cokeville miracle, the healing of Anna Beam, the miracle of John Smith who survived after drowning in a frozen lake.</p> <p>Award marks for any other valid point, in accordance with General Marking Instructions.</p>

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