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**Religious, Moral and
Philosophical Studies**

FRIDAY, 30 MAY

9:00 AM – 11:20 AM

Total marks — 80

SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 27 marks

Attempt ONE part.

SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 marks

Attempt ONE part.

SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 26 marks

Attempt ONE part.

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION

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SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 27 MARKS

Attempt ONE part

Part A — Buddhism

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

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| 1. | What do Buddhists understand by the Three Marks of Existence? | 5 |
| 2. | (a) What do Buddhists believe about nibbana? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about nibbana affect Buddhists? | 4 |
| 3. | (a) Describe two of the five precepts. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'The five precepts are not relevant in the modern world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part B — Christianity

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

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| 4. | What might Christians believe about the nature of God? | 5 |
| 5. | (a) What do Christians believe about judgement? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about judgement affect Christians? | 4 |
| 6. | (a) Describe two of Jesus' teachings. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'Jesus' teachings are not relevant in the modern world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part C — Hinduism

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

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| 7. | What might Hindus believe about the nature of God? | 5 |
| 8. | (a) What do Hindus believe about Moksha? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about Moksha affect Hindus? | 4 |
| 9. | (a) Describe two ways Hindus can follow dharma. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'Dharma is not relevant in the modern world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part D — Islam

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

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| 10. | What might Muslims believe about the nature of God? | 5 |
| 11. | (a) What do Muslims believe about judgement? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about judgement affect Muslims? | 4 |
| 12. | (a) Describe two of the Five Pillars. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'The Five Pillars are not relevant in the modern world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part E — Judaism

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

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| 13. | What might Jews believe about the nature of God? | 5 |
| 14. | (a) What do Jews believe about judgement? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about judgement affect Jews? | 4 |
| 15. | (a) Describe two ways Jews can keep the Covenant. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'The Covenant is not relevant in the modern world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part F — Sikhism

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

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| 16. | What might Sikhs believe about the nature of God? | 5 |
| 17. | (a) What do Sikhs believe about Jivan Muhkti? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about Jivan Muhkti affect Sikhs? | 4 |
| 18. | (a) Describe two of the Gurus' teachings. | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'The Gurus' teachings are not relevant in the modern world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 MARKS

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Part A — Morality and justice

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

19. (a) Describe some purposes of punishment. 5
- (b) Choose a religious view you have studied, what does it say about the purposes of punishment? 6
20. Explain why capital punishment raises moral issues. 4
21. (a) Describe two causes of crime. 4
- (b) *'The punishment should fit the crime — it doesn't matter why it was committed.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part B — Morality and relationships

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

22. (a) Describe some forms of exploitation. 5
- (b) Choose a religious view you have studied, what does it say about exploitation? 6
23. Explain why gender roles raise moral issues. 4
24. (a) Describe two reasons why someone might get married. 4
- (b) *'It is too easy to get divorced — marriage should be for life.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part C — Morality, environment and global issues

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

25. (a) Describe some causes of poverty. 5
- (b) Choose a religious view you have studied, what does it say about poverty? 6
26. Explain why resource management raises moral issues. 4
27. (a) Describe two reasons why people might need charity. 4
- (b) *'It is important to give to charity — everyone should do it.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part D — Morality, medicine and the human body

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

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| 28. | (a) | Describe some forms of end-of-life care. | 5 |
| | (b) | Choose a religious view you have studied, what does it say about end-of-life care? | 6 |
| 29. | | Explain why assisted dying raises moral issues. | 4 |
| 30. | (a) | Describe two ways in which embryos might be used. | 4 |
| | (b) | <i>'We need to use embryos — there should be no limits.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part E — Morality and conflict

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

31. (a) Describe some alternatives to war. 5
- (b) Choose a religious view you have studied, what does it say about alternatives to war? 6
32. Explain why conflict raises moral issues. 4
33. (a) Describe two modern armaments. 4
- (b) *'Weapons of mass destruction are necessary — every country should have them.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 26 MARKS

Attempt ONE part

Part A — Origins

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

34. (a) Describe the main points of the big bang theory. 5
- (b) *'Religious people should accept the big bang theory.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
35. Why might people believe in evolution? 5
36. (a) Describe one creation story. 4
- (b) *'Science proves creation stories can't be true.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

Part B — The existence of God

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

37. (a) Describe the main points of the cosmological argument. 5
- (b) *'Everyone should accept the cosmological argument.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
38. (a) Describe Paley's argument for God's existence. 5
- (b) Why might someone disagree with Paley's argument? 4
39. *'Science proves the arguments for the existence of God are no longer needed.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part C — The problem of suffering and evil

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

40. (a) Describe different types of suffering. 5
- (b) *'Religious people should expect God to put a stop to suffering.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
41. Describe **one** theodicy you have studied. 5
42. (a) What is meant by determinism? 4
- (b) *'Free will gives the best explanation for suffering and evil.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

Part D — Miracles

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

43. (a) What is meant by divine intervention? 5
- (b) *'Religious people should expect divine intervention.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
44. How might religious people understand scriptural miracles? 5
45. (a) Describe one non-scriptural miracle. 4
- (b) *'Science proves that miracles can't happen.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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