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**Tuesday 2 June 2020**

Morning (Time: 2 hours)

Paper Reference **9RS0/01**

**Religious Studies**

**Advanced**

**Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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**SECTION A**

**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**1** Explore key features of religious experiences.

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**(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)**

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2 Assess the view that religious language is meaningless.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS**



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**SECTION B**

**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**Read the following passage before answering the questions.**

There are, then, quite a number of adequate solutions of the problem of evil, and some of these have been adopted, or almost adopted, by various thinkers. For example, a few have been prepared to deny God's omnipotence, and rather more have been prepared to keep the term 'omnipotence' but severely to restrict its meaning, recording quite a number of things that an omnipotent being cannot do. Some have said that evil is an illusion, perhaps because they held that the whole world of temporal, changing things is an illusion, and that what we call evil belongs only to this world, or perhaps because they held that although temporal things *are* much as we see them, those that we call evil are not really evil. Some have said that what we call evil is merely the privation of good, that evil in a positive sense, evil that would really be opposed to good, does not exist.

(Source: extract from *Evil and Omnipotence*, Mackie, J.L., in *The Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Mitchell, B., Oxford, OUP, 1977, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify Mackie's ideas in this passage regarding 'adequate solutions' to the problem of suffering.

*You must refer to the passage in your response.*

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(b) Analyse the view that no satisfactory solutions can be found to the problem of evil and suffering.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS**



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**SECTION C**

**Write your answer in the space provided.**

**4** Evaluate the view that there is a conflict between science and religion.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Philosophy of Religion have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Religion and Ethics
- New Testament Studies
- Study of a Religion.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS**  
**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 80 MARKS**



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