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**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.
- Good luck with your examination.

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**SECTION A**

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

**1** Explore significant elements of the Ontological Argument.

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

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2 Assess how far the theory of evolution undermines Design Arguments.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS**



**SECTION B**

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

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

Russell: ... The whole concept of cause is one we derive from our observation of particular things; I see no reason whatsoever to suppose that the total has any cause whatsoever.

Copleston: Well, to say that there isn't any cause is not the same thing as saying that we shouldn't look for a cause. The statement that there isn't any cause should come, if it comes at all, at the end of the inquiry, not the beginning. In any case, if the total has no cause, then to my way of thinking it must be its own cause, which seems to me impossible. Moreover, the statement that the world is simply there in answer to a question, presupposes that the question has meaning.

Russell: No, it doesn't need to be its own cause, what I'm saying is that the concept of cause is not applicable to the total.

(Source: extract from *A Debate on the Existence of God* – A Debate between Bertrand Russell and Father Frederick C Copleston, 1948, taken from: <http://www.biblicalcatholic.com/apologetics/p20.htm>, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify the ideas about causation illustrated in this passage.

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

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(b) Analyse the view that the universe requires a cause and that God is the best explanation.

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS**



### SECTION C

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

**4** Evaluate the relative strengths of **two** views about life after death.

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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