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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B) 30601**  
**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B) (SHORT COURSE)**  
**Unit 1 Thinking about God and Morality**

Friday 6 June 2003 9.00 am to 10.45 am

**No additional materials are required.**

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **four** questions.  
 In Section A answer both Questions A1 **and** A2 in the spaces provided.  
 In Section B answer **either** Question B3 **or** Question B4 **and either** Question B5 **or** Question B6 in the space provided on pages 15 to 24.
- If you use any additional sheets, tie them loosely to the back of the booklet.
- Do all rough work in this booklet or on the continuation sheets. Cross through any work that you do not want marked.
- **No more than two religious traditions** should be used in your answers to any one question.
- Do **not** use more than three religious traditions in the paper as a whole.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 83.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks for quality of written communication.  
 You are required to:
  - Present relevant information in a form that suits its purposes.
  - Ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that the meaning is clear.
  - Use a suitable structure and style of writing.
- Pages 9 to 14 are perforated. You may remove these pages if you wish.

**Advice**

- You are advised not to spend more than 25 minutes on each question.

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**SECTION A THINKING ABOUT GOD**

Answer **Questions A1** and **A2** in the spaces provided.

Each question carries 20 marks.

**A1 The Existence of God**

Look at the pictures below.

I believe in God because I have experienced God in my life.



Tanya

I don't believe in God because God is not real.



Kim

I am not sure whether there is a God or not.



Lee

- (a) (i) One of these people is an agnostic. Is it Tanya, Kim or Lee?

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(1 mark)

- (ii) One of these people is an atheist. Is it Tanya, Kim or Lee?

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(1 mark)

- (b) Explain **two** ways in which Tanya might have experienced God.

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(4 marks)

(c) Explain the argument for the existence of God based on the design of the universe.

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(d) Explain the arguments against the idea that God designed the universe.

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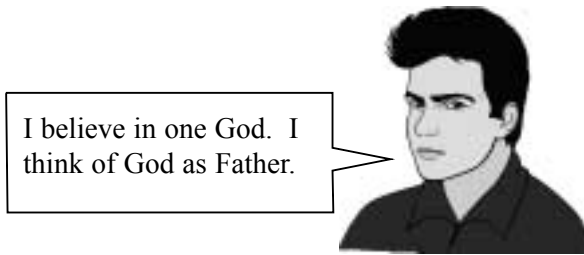
*(4 marks)*

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**A2 The Nature of God**

Look at the picture below.



- (a) (i) Is the believer above a *monotheist* or *polytheist*?

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(1 mark)

- (ii) Does the believer above think that God is *personal*?  
Give **one** reason for your answer.

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(2 marks)

- (b) Explain what religious believers mean when they say that God is *transcendent*.

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(c) Why do some religious believers find it helpful to think of God as ‘one God’?

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*(4 marks)*

(d) Why do other religious believers find it helpful to think that God has many aspects?

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*(4 marks)*



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**SECTION B THINKING ABOUT MORALITY**

Answer **two** questions.

Answer **either** Question B3 **or** Question B4 **and either** Question B5 **or** Question B6.

Write your answers in the space provided on pages 15 to 24.

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Each question carries 20 marks.

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**EITHER****B3 Sex, Marriage and Divorce**

Read the newspaper headline below.



**NEW GUIDELINES ALLOW SOME  
DIVORCED COUPLES TO BE MARRIED  
IN CHURCH**

- (a) What commitment do couples make in a religious wedding ceremony? *(2 marks)*
- (b) Explain why some marriages break down. *(3 marks)*
- (c) How might having a religious understanding of marriage help a couple when problems arise? *(4 marks)*
- (d) Explain teachings about divorce and remarriage from **two** religious traditions. Name **each** tradition. *(6 marks)*
- (e) “Divorced couples should not be allowed a religious marriage ceremony.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*



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Do **not** answer Question B4 if you have answered Question B3.

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OR

**B4 Prejudice and Discrimination**

Read the newspaper headline below.

**ASIAN STUDENT ATTACKED BY  
WHITE GANG**

**JUDGE SAYS IT WAS NOT A RACIST  
ATTACK BUT PARENTS OF VICTIM  
DISAGREE**

- (a) What does the term prejudice mean? *(2 marks)*
- (b) Explain why some people are prejudiced. *(3 marks)*
- (c) Explain teachings about prejudice and discrimination from **two** religious traditions.  
Name **each** tradition. *(6 marks)*
- (d) Explain how religious believers could work to overcome prejudice and discrimination in their local community. *(4 marks)*
- (e) “You can’t be religious and be prejudiced.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(5 marks)*

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Answer **either** Question B5 **or** Question B6.

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**EITHER**

**B5 World Poverty**

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- (a) Name **two different** sources of moral authority for a religious believer. (2 marks)
- (b) Explain why some children in the world don't have enough food to live on. (3 marks)
- (c) Choose **two** religious traditions. Name **each** tradition.  
For **each** tradition, explain the religious reasons believers give for helping the poor. (6 marks)
- (d) Explain how religious believers care for poor people in the developing world. (4 marks)
- (e) "We should not help poor countries who waste their money on weapons."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. (5 marks)

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Do **not** answer Question B6 if you have answered Question B5.

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**OR**

**B6 War and Peace**

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- (a) Name **two different** sources of moral authority for a religious believer. *(2 marks)*
- (b) Explain why pacifists believe war is wrong. *(3 marks)*
- (c) Choose **two** religious traditions. Name **each** tradition.  
For **each** tradition, explain the religious reasons believers might give for fighting in a war. *(6 marks)*
- (d) Explain how religious believers work for peace. *(4 marks)*
- (e) “War is sometimes a necessary evil.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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