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Unit 7 Philosophy of Religion

Tuesday 8 June 2010 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

• an insert containing Part B questions (enclosed).

Time allowed

• 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer five questions.
 - Part A Answer all questions in the spaces provided in this booklet.
 - Part B Answer **either** Question B5 **or** Question B6. Write your answer to **either** Question **B5 or** Question **B6** on pages 10 to 16 of this booklet.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- If you use any additional sheets, tie them securely to the back of the booklet.
- Do **not** write on the insert. Any work on the insert will **not** be marked.
- Do **not** place the insert into the answer booklet at the end of the examination.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.



Part A

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

A1 The Characteristics of God

Look at the photograph below, which shows Hindu gods and goddesses.



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A1 (a)	Explain why some people think of God in many forms.
	(3 marks)
A1 (b)	'God can only have one form.'
	What do you think? Explain your opinion.



		(3 marks)
		,
A1 (c)	Explain briefly what is meant by saying that God is transcendent.	
		(2 marks)
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A1 (d)	Explain briefly what is meant by saying that God is all-merciful.	
		(2 marks)
A1 (e)	'It is wrong to call God "parent".'	
	What do you think? Explain your opinion.	
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		(3 marks)



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A2	Revelation and Enlightenment
A2 (a)	Explain why some people say that religious revelation is only an illusion.
	(3 marks)
A2 (b)	Explain what believers mean when they say that God has spoken to them through prayer.
	(3 marks)



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A2 (c)	'Nature shows that God is all-loving.'
	Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.
	(6 marks)

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A3 The Problem of Evil

Look at the pictures below.

A casualty of war



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A tsunami



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a) Explain how moral evil raises questions about the love of God.	A3 (a)
(4 marks)	



A3 (b)	Explain briefly what is meant by natural evil.
	(2 marks)
A3 (c)	'There is no satisfactory explanation of where natural evil comes from.'
	Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious ideas in your answer.
	(6 marks)

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A4	Science and Religion
A4 (a)	Explain how one religious story of creation shows the importance of humanity. (Do not retell the story.)
	(3 marks)
A4 (b)	Outline what a fundamentalist believer might say about the Darwinian view of evolution.
	(2 marks)



A4 (c)	'The Big Bang theory is the only acceptable explanation of the origin of the universe.'
	Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious ideas in your answer.
	(6 marks)

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Part B

Answer either Question B5 or Question B6, which are printed on the insert. Write your answer to the question you have chosen on pages 10 to 16 .
Write the question number at the start of each part of your answer, e.g. B5(a) .













