



General Certificate of Secondary Education  
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**Religious Studies** **405007**  
**(Specification A)**  
**Religious Studies**  
**(Specification A) (Short Course)**

Unit 7 Philosophy of Religion

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**Part B**

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Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 10 to 16 of the answer booklet.

There are 24 marks for each question.

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**EITHER****B5 The Problem of Evil**

**B5 (a)** Describe **one** religious idea or religious story that explains the origin of evil. (6 marks)

**B5 (b)** 'The existence of evil proves that there is no God.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. (6 marks)

**B5 (c)** Explain **two** ways in which believers might respond to suffering. You may use examples to support your answer. (6 marks)

**B5 (d)** 'Suffering is not always a bad thing.'

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

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**OR**

**B6 The Characteristics of God**

**B6 (a)** Choose **two** of the following words that are used about God:

Father  
King  
Truth.

Explain what each of the words you have chosen says about God. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (b)** Explain why some people prefer to use words like 'parent' and 'ruler' about God. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (c)** 'It is wrong to say that God is personal.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

**B6 (d)** 'God cannot be all-knowing.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. *(6 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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