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**Religious Studies
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Religious Studies
(Specification A) (Short Course)**

405007

Unit 7 Philosophy of Religion

Thursday 17 May 2012 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.
- Do all rough work in this booklet. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.
- 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.



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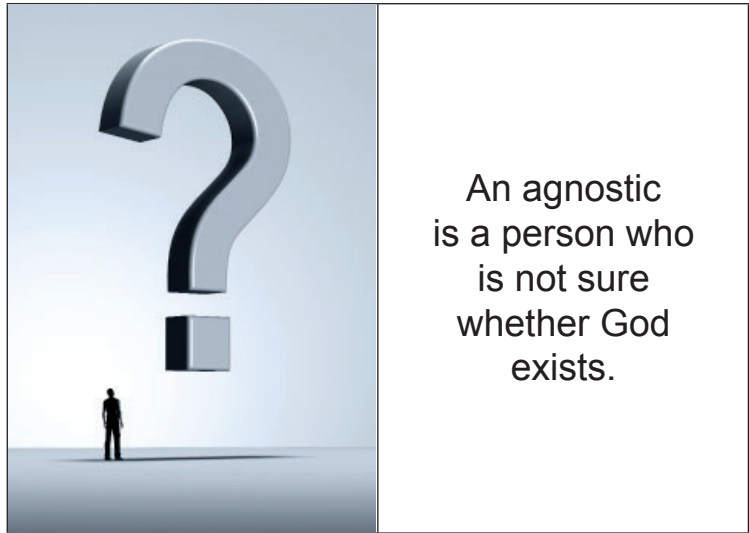
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Part A

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

A1 The Existence of God

Look at the picture below.



A1 (a) Explain why some people are not sure whether God exists.

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A1 (b) Outline the First Cause (Cosmological) argument for the existence of God.

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A1 (c) ‘Agnostics should make up their mind about God.’

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

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A2 Revelation

Look at the photograph below.



A2 (a) Explain why some people claim that God can be known through nature.

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(3 marks)



A2 (b) Explain briefly how prayer might help a person to know God.

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A2 (c) 'Religious revelations are just illusions.'

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

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A3 The Characteristics of God

A3 (a) Explain briefly what people mean when they say that God is all-compassionate.

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A3 (b) Explain briefly why some people claim that God should be called 'parent' rather than 'father'.

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A3 (c) 'God is not immanent.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion.

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A3 (d) 'It is helpful to think of God in many forms.'

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

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A4 **The Problem of Evil**

Look at the photograph below, which shows people searching for survivors after an earthquake.



A4 (a) Explain the difference between natural evil and moral evil. You may use examples in your answer.

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A4 (b) 'Natural evil helps religious believers to become better people.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

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A4 (c) Outline how the Free Will Defence explains the existence of evil.

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A4 (d) Describe how the idea of karma explains why there is evil in the world.

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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 number of the question you have chosen in the box below, e.g. **B5**.

Write the question number at the start of each part of your answer, e.g. **B5(a)**.

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