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

**405007**

## Unit 7 Philosophy of Religion

Wednesday 4 June 2014 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**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 12 to 20 in 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 this 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 76.
- Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) which will be assessed in Part B. These marks are shown below the mark allocation for Questions B5 and B6.
- 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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**Part A**

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

**A1 The Problem of Evil**

Look at the photograph. It shows police tape around a crime scene.



**A1 (a)** What is moral evil?

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**A1 (b)** Explain why the existence of moral evil raises questions about the nature of God.

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**A1 (c)** Describe how a religious believer might respond to suffering. You may use an example of suffering in your answer.

**[3 marks]**

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**A1 (d)** 'The concept of karma gives the best explanation for the existence of evil in the world.'

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.

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**A2 The Afterlife**

Look at the picture. It suggests one idea of an afterlife.



**A2 (a)** Explain briefly what is meant by reincarnation.

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**A2 (b)** Explain how believing in heaven might affect how a person lives this present life.

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**A2 (c)** 'There is no evidence for the existence of an afterlife.'

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.

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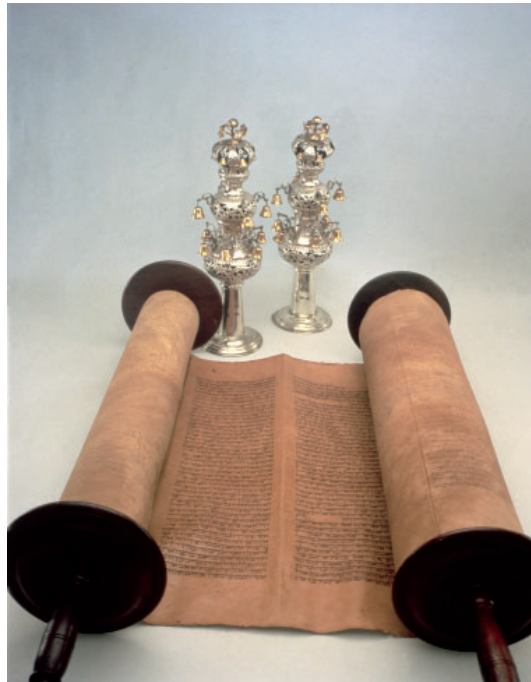
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**A3 Revelation and Enlightenment**

Look at the picture. It shows a religious text (scroll).



**A3 (a)** Explain why some people believe that they can receive special revelations through sacred texts.

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**A3 (b)** Explain briefly why some people believe that God can be known through nature.

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**A3 (c)** Explain briefly what is meant by enlightenment.

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**A3 (d)** 'Religious visions cannot be trusted.'

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 Existence of God**

**A4 (a)** Explain why some people claim that God does not exist.

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**A4 (b)** 'It is easier to be an atheist than to be a theist.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

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**A4 (c)** Explain briefly why some people believe that religious experiences prove that God exists.

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**A4 (d)** 'Religious believers do not need proof that God exists.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

**[3 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 12 to 20**.

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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