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Unit 4 Religious Philosophy and Ultimate Questions

Thursday 31 May 2012 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16 page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is 40554.
- Answer **four** questions. Each question has **five** parts.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

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
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **four** questions.

There are 18 marks for each question.

Each question has **five** parts. Answer **all** five parts of each question chosen.

Question 1 The Existence of God

Look at the photograph below.



- 0 | 1** Explain the design (teleological) argument for God's existence. (4 marks)
- 0 | 2** Explain why some people say the world is not well-designed. (3 marks)
- 0 | 3** 'Miracles prove that God exists.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 | 4** Explain briefly **one** example of religious experience. (2 marks)
- 0 | 5** 'The fact that people have a sense of right and wrong (morality) proves that God exists.'
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. (6 marks)

Question 2 Revelation

Look at the photograph below, which shows people at worship.



- 0 6** Explain how God may be revealed to some people through worship. *(3 marks)*
- 0 7** Explain briefly what religious believers mean when they say that God is immanent. *(2 marks)*
- 0 8** 'No one can know what God is like.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 0 9** Explain how a direct meeting with God might affect someone's life. You may use an example in your answer. *(4 marks)*
- 1 0** 'General revelation is better than a special revelation of God.'
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. *(6 marks)*

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Question 3 The Problems of Evil and Suffering

Look at the photograph below, which shows evidence of mass killing (genocide).



- 1 1** Explain briefly what is meant by evil. *(2 marks)*
- 1 2** 'Evil is God's fault.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. *(3 marks)*
- 1 3** Explain how some religious believers use the idea of karma to explain suffering. *(3 marks)*
- 1 4** Explain why suffering makes some people doubt God. *(4 marks)*
- 1 5** 'Suffering makes people stronger.'
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. *(6 marks)*

Question 4 Immortality

Look at the photograph below.



- 1 | 6** Explain religious beliefs about resurrection. (3 marks)
- 1 | 7** 'No one can rise from the dead.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 1 | 8** Explain arguments for and against reincarnation. (4 marks)
- 1 | 9** Explain briefly what is meant by channelling when referring to immortality. (2 marks)
- 2 | 0** 'Near Death Experiences are the best evidence for life after death.'
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. (6 marks)

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Question 5 Miracles

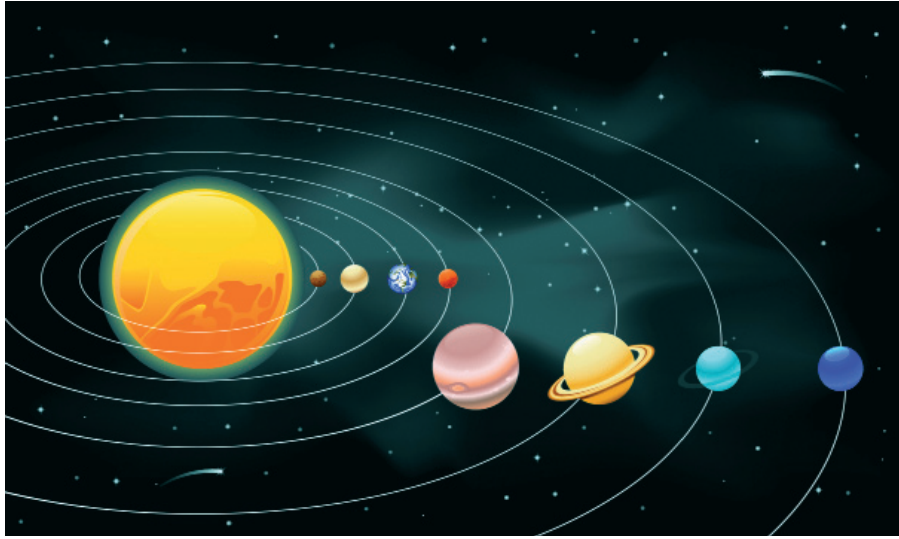
Look at the photograph below, which shows people on a visit to Lourdes, where miracles are said to have taken place.



- 2 1** Explain briefly what is meant by the term 'miracle'. (2 marks)
- 2 2** Give an account of **one** miracle from history **or** from religious tradition. (4 marks)
- 2 3** 'All miracles are performed by God.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 4** Explain what religious believers think miracles teach about God. (3 marks)
- 2 5** 'Hume was right when he said that miracles cannot happen.'
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. (6 marks)

Question 6 Science and Religion

Look at the picture below, which shows the earth's solar system.



- 2 | 6** Explain briefly what is meant by the term 'the Cosmological Revolution'. (2 marks)
- 2 | 7** Explain how the Cosmological Revolution challenged religious belief. (3 marks)
- 2 | 8** 'If science answers every question, there will be no need for God.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 | 9** Give an account of the creation story in Genesis. (4 marks)
- 3 | 0** 'It is possible to believe in both religious and scientific accounts of how the world began.'
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. (6 marks)

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