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Unit 4 Religious Philosophy and Ultimate Questions

Wednesday 4 June 2014 9.00 am to 10.30 am

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 **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 76.
- Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**). This will be assessed in parts 05, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30. The mark is shown below the mark allocation for each question.
- You will be awarded a mark for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) for each of the four questions that you attempt. The best of these marks will be included in your total for the paper.
- 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.

There are four additional marks on the paper for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG).

Question 1 The Existence of God

Look at the photograph. It shows dominoes falling.



- 0 1** Explain the First Cause (cosmological) argument for the existence of God. **[4 marks]**
- 0 2** Explain briefly why some people say that the First Cause (cosmological) argument does **not** prove the existence of God. **[2 marks]**
- 0 3** 'The design argument cannot prove that God exists.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 0 4** Explain why a religious experience could convince someone that God exists. **[3 marks]**
- 0 5** 'Morality (having a sense of right and wrong) proves that God exists.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. **[6 marks]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

Question 2 Revelation

Look at the photographs. These show people who say they were guided by God.



0 | 6 Explain briefly what is meant by a person's conscience. **[2 marks]**

0 | 7 'God can be revealed in the lives and work of people.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**

0 | 8 Give an account of a special revelation. **[3 marks]**

0 | 9 Explain why some people say that special revelations are illusions. **[4 marks]**

1 | 0 'There are too many different ideas of what God is like for them all to be true.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. **[6 marks]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

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Question 3 The Problems of Evil and Suffering

Look at the photograph. It shows children who are suffering.



- 1 1** Explain religious teachings about why there is suffering in the world. **[4 marks]**
- 1 2** 'A loving God would not allow suffering.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 1 3** Explain how religious believers can help those who are suffering. **[3 marks]**
- 1 4** Explain briefly the difference between evil and suffering. **[2 marks]**
- 1 5** 'There will always be 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 arguments in your answer. **[6 marks]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

Question 4 Immortality

Look at the photograph. It shows a candle being lit from another candle.



- 1 6** Explain the idea of rebirth. **[3 marks]**
- 1 7** Explain the evidence from scripture (holy books) for life after death. **[4 marks]**
- 1 8** 'Being remembered by others is not immortality.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 1 9** Explain briefly the meaning of the term 'dualism'. **[2 marks]**
- 2 0** 'There is no afterlife.'
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]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

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Question 5 Miracles

Look at the photograph. It shows a woman praying for a miracle.



- 2 | 1** Give an account of **one** miracle from someone's personal experience. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 2** 'God works in the world through miracles.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 3** Explain briefly why accepting that God performs miracles might cause problems for religious believers. **[2 marks]**
- 2 | 4** Explain Hume's arguments against miracles. **[4 marks]**
- 2 | 5** 'The best evidence for miracles is found in scripture (holy books).'
- Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. **[6 marks]**
- [SPaG: 4 marks]**

Question 6 Science and Religion

Look at the picture. It shows stages in the theory of human evolution.



- 2 | 6** Explain the theory of evolution. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 7** 'It is possible to believe in God **and** evolution.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. **[3 marks]**
- 2 | 8** Explain how believing that God created the world might influence the way religious believers live their lives. **[4 marks]**
- 2 | 9** Explain briefly the difference between scientific truth and religious truth. **[2 marks]**
- 3 | 0** 'The Genesis creation story and the Big Bang theory cannot both be true.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. **[6 marks]**
- [SPaG: 4 marks]**

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