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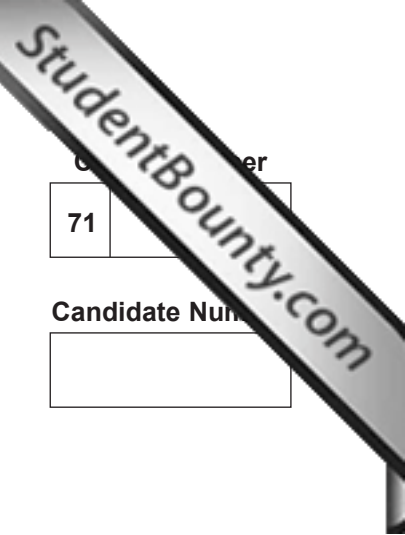
An Introduction to Philosophy
of Religion

[GRS91]

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Centre Number	
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TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Answer **all** questions in **Section A** in the spaces provided in this paper.

Answer any **two** questions from **Section B** on the lined pages at the end of this paper.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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Question Number	Marks
Section A	
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Section B	
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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 The Existence of God

- (a) (i) According to Jewish/Christian tradition, in how many days did God create the universe?

_____ [1]

- (ii) In which book of the Bible is the Christian account of creation found?

_____ [1]

- (iii) What theory is connected with Charles Darwin?

_____ [1]

- (iv) What argument for the existence of God is connected with St Thomas Aquinas?

_____ [1]

- (v) Who used a watch to argue that the universe must have had a designer?

_____ [1]

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(b) Explain the “First Cause” argument for the existence of God.

[5]

(c) “It is impossible to prove that God exists, it is simply a matter of faith.”
Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer.

[5]

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2 Experiencing God

(a) (i) What is meant by special revelation?

_____ [1]

(ii) What is meant by general revelation?

_____ [1]

(iii) Give an example of worship from any religious tradition.

_____ [1]

(iv) Name a sacred text from any religious tradition.

_____ [1]

(v) Name a leader from any religious tradition.

_____ [1]

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(b) “It is possible to learn about God through the lifestyle of religious people.”

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view.

[10]

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3 Creation and Science

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(a) Describe a creation story from **one** religious tradition you have studied.

[5]

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(b) Explain how the Theory of Evolution can challenge the creation story found in Genesis.

[5]

(c) "Science explains everything, we do not need God."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer.

[5]

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4 The Afterlife

(a) Outline beliefs about the afterlife from **one** religious tradition you have studied.

[5]

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(b) "Heaven and Hell are not real – they are just human inventions to help us cope with death."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view.

[10]

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Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

Write on the pages provided at the end of the examination paper.

5 The Problem of Evil/Suffering

(a) Describe what **one** religious tradition teaches about the existence of evil. [5]

(b) Explain why some people might argue that the world is not well designed. [5]

(c) “A loving and powerful God would not allow millions of people in the world to go hungry.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

6 The Nature of God

(a) Outline the Christian idea of the Trinity. [5]

(b) Explain, giving examples, how some religious believers think of God as both transcendent and immanent. [5]

(c) “Worship is pointless because humans can never know or understand what they are worshipping.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

7 The Revelation of God

(a) Describe a miraculous event from one religious tradition you have studied. [5]

(b) Explain how a religious believer can know God through a sacred text. [5]

(c) “Personal experiences of God cannot be used as evidence that God exists.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

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**Question
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Number your answers clearly

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