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General Certificate of Secondary Education 2011

Religious Studies

Paper 9

An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

[GRS91]

THURSDAY 16 JUNE, MORNING



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** the questions in **Section A** in the spaces provided in this booklet **and two** from **three** questions in **Section B** on the lined pages at the end of this booklet.

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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Section A

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Answer all questions.

Experiencing God 1 (a) (i) Name two different religious traditions. 2.______[2] (ii) Other than worship, name three ways in which religious believers might learn about God. 1. _____ 3. ______[3] (b) Explain how a religious believer might experience God through one type of worship.

"People no longer experience God through miracles."		Examin Marks	er Only Remark
Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer.			
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(c)

2	Evil an	nd Suffering	
	(a) (i)	Give two examples of natural suffering.	
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	(ii)	Give three examples of moral evil.	
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ou have considered different points of view.		
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3 Religious Leaders

Example:





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(a)	Describe the work of one religious leader/teacher you have studied.
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Section B

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Answer two from three questions.

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

5 The Nature of God

- (a) Outline teaching from one sacred text about the nature of God. [5]
- (b) Explain why some religious traditions teach that it is wrong to make images of God. [5]
- (c) "All religions are false as they have different beliefs about God."

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

6 Creation

- (a) Outline the teaching of one religious tradition about the place of human beings in the universe. [5]
- (b) Explain why some religious believers accept the Big Bang Theory. [5]
- (c) "It is a waste of time to worry about where the universe came from or where it is going."

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

7 The Existence of God

- (a) Outline the argument from Design for the existence of God. [5]
- (b) Explain how some people might challenge the Design argument. [5]
- (c) "Human beings do not need God."

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

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