



General Certificate of Secondary Education
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Religious Studies

Paper 9

An Introduction to Philosophy
of Religion

[GRS91]

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE, MORNING

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TIME

1 hour 30 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

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 105.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions. Spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar will be assessed in Section B questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

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 | |
| 1 | |
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| Section B | |
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Section A

Answer all questions.

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1 The Existence of God

(a) (i) What is a miracle?

_____ [1]

(ii) Which argument for the existence of God was developed by William Paley?

_____ [1]

(iii) Who outlined the "First Cause" argument for the existence of God?

_____ [1]

(iv) In which book of the Bible is the Christian creation story found?

_____ [1]

(v) According to the Christian creation story, what was the name of the first man?

_____ [1]

(b) Outline one argument for the existence of God.

_____ [5]

(c) "God is not at work in the world today."

Do you agree or disagree? Write down reasons for your answer.

[5]

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2 The Nature of God

(a) (i) What does “omnipotent” mean?

_____ [1]

(ii) What does “omnipresent” mean?

_____ [1]

(iii) What does “omniscient” mean?

_____ [1]

(iv) What does “personal” mean?

_____ [1]

(v) What does “transcendent” mean?

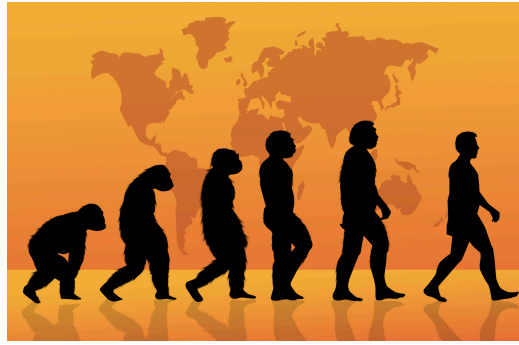
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3 Creation and Science



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(a) Outline the Theory of Evolution.

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(b) Explain why some religious believers have no problem accepting the Theory of Evolution.

[5]

(c) "This imperfect world cannot have been created by a good God."

Do you agree or disagree? Write down reasons for your answer.

[5]

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Section B

Answer **two** from **three** questions.

Five marks will be awarded for spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar in part (c) of your answers.

Write your answers on the pages that follow (pages 11–16).

5 Life After Death

- (a) Outline some arguments a person might use to try to prove that there is life after death. [5]
- (b) Explain why some people believe that there is no life after death. [5]
- (c) “It is not fair that bad things happen to good people.”
Do you agree? Write down reasons for your answer. [10]

6 The Revelation of God

- (a) Describe what a believer might learn about God from the sacred text of **one** religious tradition you have studied. [5]
- (b) Explain what the sacred text of another religious tradition teaches about the nature of God. [5]
- (c) “Personal religious experience is the only real proof that God exists.”
Do you agree? Write down reasons for your answer. [10]

7 Religious Example

- (a) Describe how God is revealed through the life of **one** religious leader you have studied. [5]
- (b) Explain how a religious believer might experience God through worship. [5]
- (c) “Religious faith makes no sense in the modern world.”
Do you agree? Write down reasons for your answer. [10]

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