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Religious Studies

Paper 9
An Introduction to Philosophy
of Religion



GRS91

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WEDNESDAY 15 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 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	
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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 The Existence of God

(a) (i) What is meant by the term monotheism?

_____ [1]

(ii) Give **one** example of a religious experience.

_____ [1]

(iii) Name **one** scholar who explored the Design argument.

_____ [1]

(iv) Name **one** scholar who explored the First Cause argument.

_____ [1]

(v) What is an atheist?

_____ [1]

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(b) Explain the Design argument for the existence of God.

[5]

(c) "It is important for believers to provide convincing evidence for God's existence."

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

[5]

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2 Experiencing God

(a) (i) Identify **two** ways in which believers worship God.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(ii) Name religious leaders in **two** faith traditions.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(iii) What is meant by the term “sacred”?

_____ [1]

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3 Evil and Suffering



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(a) Describe, using examples, what is meant by the problem of evil.

[5]

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(b) Explain what **one** religious tradition you have studied teaches about how evil may be overcome.

_____ [5]

(c) “Suffering serves no purpose.”

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

_____ [5]

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4 Nature of God

(a) Explain, using examples, what is meant by the term “omnipotent God”.

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

5 Life after death

(a) Outline the teaching on resurrection in any one tradition you have studied. [5]

(b) Explain what one tradition you have studied teaches about how this life prepares you for the afterlife. [5]

(c) "There is no evidence for life after death."
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

6 Creation stories

(a) What is meant by Divine Creation? [5]

(b) Explain the scientific view of the creation of the universe. [5]

(c) "You can have a scientific view of creation and still be religious."
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

7 Experiencing God

(a) What is a miracle? [5]

(b) Explain how God is revealed in **one** miracle you have studied. [5]

(c) "Miracles are unbelievable."
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

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