

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
RELIGIOUS STUDIES B**

Paper 2 (Philosophy and Ethics) (Short Course)

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Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials (enclosed): None

Additional materials (required):
Answer Booklet (8 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **one** question from each of any **three** topics.
- Answer **three** questions in total.
- You must not answer more than one question from each topic.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, on the separate Answer Booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **63**.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks in the first question you answer for the quality of written communication.

This document consists of **12** printed pages.

Topic 1 The Nature of God

Do not answer more than **one** question from this topic.

1 Christianity

- (a) Describe what Christians believe about the nature of God. [8]
- (b) Explain why Christians might believe in miracles. [7]
- (c) 'If God existed we would have evidence to prove it.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

2 Hinduism

- (a) Describe what Hindus believe about the nature of the gods. [8]
- (b) Explain why Hindus might believe that the gods intervene in the world. [7]
- (c) 'If the gods existed we would have evidence to prove it.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]

3 Islam

- (a) Describe what Muslims believe about the nature of Allah. [8]
- (b) Explain why Muslims might believe in miracles. [7]
- (c) 'If Allah existed we would have evidence to prove it.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

4 Judaism

- (a) Describe what Jews believe about the nature of G-d. [8]
- (b) Explain why Jews might believe in miracles. [7]
- (c) 'If G-d existed we would have evidence to prove it.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

Topic 2 The Nature of Belief

Do not answer more than **one** question from this topic.

5 Christianity

- (a) Describe how Christians might use symbols to express belief. [8]
- (b) Explain how regular prayer might strengthen the faith of a Christian. [7]
- (c) 'Fasting does **not** help people to worship God.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

6 Hinduism

- (a) Describe how Hindus might use symbols to express belief. [8]
- (b) Explain how regular prayer might strengthen the faith of a Hindu. [7]
- (c) 'Fasting does **not** help people to worship the gods.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]

7 Islam

- (a) Describe how Muslims might use symbols to express belief. [8]
- (b) Explain how regular prayer might strengthen the faith of a Muslim. [7]
- (c) 'Fasting does **not** help people to worship Allah.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

8 Judaism

- (a) Describe how Jews might use symbols to express belief. [8]
- (b) Explain how regular prayer might strengthen the faith of a Jew. [7]
- (c) 'Fasting does **not** help people to worship G-d.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

Topic 3 Religion and Science

Do not answer more than **one** question from this topic.

9 Christianity

- (a) Describe scientific ideas about the origins of the world **and** of humanity. [8]
- (b) Explain why some Christians might **not** agree with these scientific ideas. [7]
- (c) 'Humans were created for a reason.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

10 Hinduism

- (a) Describe scientific ideas about the origins of the world **and** of humanity. [8]
- (b) Explain why some Hindus might **not** agree with these scientific ideas. [7]
- (c) 'Humans were created for a reason.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]

11 Islam

- (a) Describe scientific ideas about the origins of the world **and** of humanity. [8]
- (b) Explain why some Muslims might **not** agree with these scientific ideas. [7]
- (c) 'Humans were created for a reason.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

12 Judaism

- (a) Describe scientific ideas about the origins of the world **and** of humanity. [8]
- (b) Explain why some Jews might **not** agree with these scientific ideas. [7]
- (c) 'Humans were created for a reason.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

Topic 4 Death and the Afterlife

Do not answer more than **one** question from this topic.

13 Christianity

- (a) Describe Christian beliefs about the distinction between the 'body' and the 'soul'. [8]
- (b) Explain why Christians might believe that they should behave morally. [7]
- (c) 'People believe in life after death because they are afraid of dying.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

14 Hinduism

- (a) Describe Hindu beliefs about the distinction between the 'body' and the 'atman'. [8]
- (b) Explain why Hindus might believe that they should behave morally. [7]
- (c) 'People believe in life after death because they are afraid of dying.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]

15 Islam

- (a) Describe Muslim beliefs about the distinction between the 'body' and the 'soul'. [8]
- (b) Explain why Muslims might believe that they should behave morally. [7]
- (c) 'People believe in life after death because they are afraid of dying.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

16 Judaism

- (a) Describe Jewish beliefs about the distinction between the 'body' and the 'soul'. [8]
- (b) Explain why Jews might believe that they should behave morally. [7]
- (c) 'People believe in life after death because they are afraid of dying.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

Topic 5 Good and Evil

Do not answer more than **one** question from this topic.

17 Christianity

- (a) Describe how Christians might try to find the best way to behave. [8]
- (b) How might Christians explain the problem of evil? [7]
- (c) 'Suffering is caused by the Devil.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

18 Hinduism

- (a) Describe how Hindus might try to find the best way to behave. [8]
- (b) How might Hindus explain the problem of evil? [7]
- (c) 'Suffering is caused by the gods.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]

19 Islam

- (a) Describe how Muslims might try to find the best way to behave. [8]
- (b) How might Muslims explain the problem of evil? [7]
- (c) 'Suffering is caused by Shaytan.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

20 Judaism

- (a) Describe how Jews might try to find the best way to behave. [8]
- (b) How might Jews explain the problem of evil? [7]
- (c) 'Suffering is caused by the Devil.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

Topic 6 Religion and Human Relationships

Do not answer more than **one** question from this topic.

21 Christianity

- (a) Describe the teachings of Christianity about divorce. [8]
- (b) Explain Christian beliefs about marriage. [7]
- (c) 'Marriage is an out-dated idea in the 21st century.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

22 Hinduism

- (a) Describe the teachings of Hinduism about divorce. [8]
- (b) Explain Hindu beliefs about marriage. [7]
- (c) 'Marriage is an out-dated idea in the 21st century.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]

23 Islam

- (a) Describe the teachings of Islam about divorce. [8]
- (b) Explain Muslim beliefs about marriage. [7]
- (c) 'Marriage is an out-dated idea in the 21st century.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

24 Judaism

- (a) Describe the teachings of Judaism about divorce. [8]
- (b) Explain Jewish beliefs about marriage. [7]
- (c) 'Marriage is an out-dated idea in the 21st century.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

Topic 7 Religion and Medical Ethics

Do not answer more than **one** question from this topic.

25 Christianity

- (a) Describe Christian attitudes towards the use of animals in medical research. [8]
- (b) Explain Christian beliefs about abortion. [7]
- (c) 'The use of fertility treatment is wrong because it interferes with God's plan.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

26 Hinduism

- (a) Describe Hindu attitudes towards the use of animals in medical research. [8]
- (b) Explain Hindu beliefs about abortion. [7]
- (c) 'The use of fertility treatment is wrong because it interferes with the plans of the gods.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]

27 Islam

- (a) Describe Muslim attitudes towards the use of animals in medical research. [8]
- (b) Explain Muslim beliefs about abortion. [7]
- (c) 'The use of fertility treatment is wrong because it interferes with Allah's plan.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

28 Judaism

- (a) Describe Jewish attitudes towards the use of animals in medical research. [8]
- (b) Explain Jewish beliefs about abortion. [7]
- (c) 'The use of fertility treatment is wrong because it interferes with G-d's plan.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

Topic 8 Religion and Equality

Do not answer more than **one** question from this topic.

29 Christianity

- (a) Describe Christian beliefs about sexism. [8]
- (b) Explain Christian teachings about equality. [7]
- (c) 'Christians should always forgive everyone.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

30 Hinduism

- (a) Describe Hindu beliefs about sexism. [8]
- (b) Explain Hindu teachings about varnashramadharma. [7]
- (c) 'Hindus should always forgive everyone.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [5]

31 Islam

- (a) Describe Muslim beliefs about sexism. [8]
- (b) Explain Muslim teachings about equality. [7]
- (c) 'Muslims should always forgive everyone.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

32 Judaism

- (a) Describe Jewish beliefs about sexism. [8]
- (b) Explain Jewish teachings about equality. [7]
- (c) 'Jews should always forgive everyone.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

Topic 9 Religion, Poverty and Wealth

Do not answer more than **one** question from this topic.

33 Christianity

- (a) Describe Christian beliefs about the right use of money. [8]
- (b) Explain why Christians might help the poor. [7]
- (c) 'Poverty is caused by God.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

34 Hinduism

- (a) Describe Hindu beliefs about the right use of money. [8]
- (b) Explain why Hindus might help the poor. [7]
- (c) 'Poverty is caused by God.'

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35 Islam

- (a) Describe Muslim beliefs about the right use of money. [8]
- (b) Explain why Muslims might help the poor. [7]
- (c) 'Poverty is caused by Allah.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [5]

36 Judaism

- (a) Describe Jewish beliefs about the right use of money. [8]
- (b) Explain why Jews might help the poor. [7]
- (c) 'Poverty is caused by G-d.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [5]

Topic 10 Religion, Peace and Justice

Do not answer more than **one** question from this topic.

37 Christianity

- (a) Describe Christian beliefs about pacifism. [8]
- (b) Explain how Christians might respond to a war. [7]
- (c) 'It is better to accept injustice than to use violence.'

Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [5]

38 Hinduism

- (a) Describe Hindu beliefs about pacifism. [8]
- (b) Explain how Hindus might respond to a war. [7]
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