

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES B (Philosophy and Ethics)**

Paper 1

**WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2008**

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Afternoon  
Time: 2 hours

**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 **four** topics.
- Answer **four** 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 **84**.
- You will be awarded up to 4 marks in the first question you answer for the quality of written communication.

This document consists of **7** printed pages and **1** blank page.

**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 distinctions 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]



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