

Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations
General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES B (PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS)
PAPER 2

1931/2

Specimen Paper 2003

Additional materials: Answer paper
Candidates answer on the answer paper.

TIME 2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 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 answer paper provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks 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.

Topic 6 – Religion and Human Relationships

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

1 Christianity

(a) Describe Christian beliefs about divorce. [8]

(b) Explain how a Christian marriage service might guide a couple in their married life. [7]

(c) ‘Divorce is never the best way to solve problems with a marriage.’

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 Hindu beliefs about divorce. [8]

(b) Explain how a Hindu marriage service might guide a couple in their married life. [7]

(c) ‘Divorce is never the best way to solve problems with a marriage.’

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 Muslim beliefs about divorce. [8]

(b) Explain how a Muslim marriage service might guide a couple in their married life. [7]

(c) ‘Divorce is never the best way to solve problems with a marriage.’

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 Jewish beliefs about divorce. [8]

(b) Explain how a Jewish marriage service might guide a couple in their married life. [7]

(c) ‘Divorce is never the best way to solve problems with a marriage.’

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.

5 Christianity

(a) Describe Christian attitudes towards abortion. [8]

(b) Explain how a Christian might respond to someone who was thinking about committing suicide. [7]

(c) 'Only God has the right to take away life.'

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 Hindu attitudes towards abortion. [8]

(b) Explain how a Hindu might respond to someone who was thinking about committing suicide. [7]

(c) 'Only God has the right to take away life.'

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 Muslim attitudes towards abortion. [8]

(b) Explain how a Muslim might respond to someone who was thinking about committing suicide. [7]

(c) 'Only Allah has the right to take away life.'

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 Jewish attitudes towards abortion. [8]

(b) Explain how a Jew might respond to someone who was thinking about committing suicide. [7]

(c) 'Only G-d has the right to take away life.'

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.

Topic 8 – Religion and Equality

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

9 Christianity

(a) Describe Christian beliefs about forgiveness. [8]

(b) Explain how a Christian might respond to someone who has racist opinions. [7]

(c) 'We know from looking around us that people are not equal.'

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 Hindu beliefs about forgiveness. [8]

(b) Explain how a Hindu might respond to someone who has racist opinions. [7]

(c) 'We know from looking around us that people are not equal.'

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 Muslim beliefs about forgiveness. [8]

(b) Explain how a Muslim might respond to someone who has racist opinions. [7]

(c) 'We know from looking around us that people are not equal.'

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 Jewish beliefs about forgiveness. [8]

(b) Explain how a Jew might respond to someone who has racist opinions. [7]

(c) 'We know from looking around us that people are not equal.'

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.

13 Christianity

(a) Describe the main causes of hunger in the world. [8]

(b) Explain why a Christian might regularly give money to charity. [7]

(c) 'It does not matter how you earn your money, as long as you make enough to live on.'

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 the main causes of hunger in the world. [8]

(b) Explain why a Hindu might regularly give money to charity. [7]

(c) 'It does not matter how you earn your money, as long as you make enough to live on.'

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 the main causes of hunger in the world. [8]

(b) Explain why a Muslim might regularly give money to charity. [7]

(c) 'It does not matter how you earn your money, as long as you make enough to live on.'

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 the main causes of hunger in the world. [8]

(b) Explain why a Jew might regularly give money to charity. [7]

(c) 'It does not matter how you earn your money, as long as you make enough to live on.'

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.

17 Christianity

- (a) Describe what Christians mean by a 'Just War.' [8]
- (b) Explain how Christians might respond if they see other people being treated very badly by a government. [7]
- (c) 'Sometimes using violence is the only way to solve a problem.'

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 what Hindus mean by 'ahimsa'. [8]
- (b) Explain how Hindus might respond if they see other people being treated very badly by a government. [7]
- (c) 'Sometimes using violence is the only way to solve a problem.'

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 what Muslims mean by 'jihad'. [8]
- (b) Explain how Muslims might respond if they see other people being treated very badly by a government. [7]
- (c) 'Sometimes using violence is the only way to solve a problem.'

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 what Jews mean by 'Holy War'. [8]
- (b) Explain how Jews might respond if they see other people being treated very badly by a government. [7]
- (c) 'Sometimes using violence is the only way to solve a problem.'

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]