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**Religious, Moral and
Philosophical Studies**

FRIDAY, 10 MAY

1:00 PM – 3:20 PM

Total marks — 80

SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 27 marks

Attempt ONE part.

SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 marks

Attempt ONE part.

SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 26 marks

Attempt ONE part.

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION

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SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 27 MARKS

Attempt ONE part

Part A — Buddhism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Buddhism**.

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| 1. | How might Buddhists meditate? | 5 |
| 2. | (a) What do Buddhists believe about the Buddha? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about the Buddha affect Buddhists? | 4 |
| 3. | (a) What do Buddhists mean by the three root poisons? | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'It's too hard for Buddhists to avoid the three root poisons in today's world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part B — Christianity

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Christianity**.

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| 4. | How might Christians worship? | 5 |
| 5. | (a) What do Christians believe about Jesus? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about Jesus affect Christians? | 4 |
| 6. | (a) What do Christians understand by sin? | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'It's too hard for Christians to avoid sin in today's world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part C — Hinduism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Hinduism**.

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| 7. | How might Hindus worship? | 5 |
| 8. | (a) What do Hindus believe about Krishna? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about Krishna affect Hindus? | 4 |
| 9. | (a) What do Hindus understand by Samsara? | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'It's too hard for Hindus to escape Samsara in today's world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part D — Islam

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied Islam.

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| 10. | How might Muslims worship? | 5 |
| 11. | (a) What do Muslims believe about Muhammed? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about Muhammed affect Muslims? | 4 |
| 12. | (a) What do Muslims understand by sin? | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'It's too hard for Muslims to avoid sin in today's world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part E — Judaism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Judaism**.

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| 13. | How might Jews worship? | 5 |
| 14. | (a) What do Jews believe about The Exodus? | 6 |
| | (b) How might beliefs about The Exodus affect Jews? | 4 |
| 15. | (a) What do Jews understand by sin? | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'It's too hard for Jews to avoid sin in today's world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part F — Sikhism

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Sikhism**.

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| 16. | How might Sikhs worship? | 5 |
| 17. | (a) What do Sikhs believe about the Khalsa? | 6 |
| | (b) How might being a member of the Khalsa affect Sikhs? | 4 |
| 18. | (a) What do Sikhs understand by the Five Evils? | 4 |
| | (b) <i>'It's too hard for Sikhs to avoid the Five Evils in today's world.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 MARKS

Attempt ONE part

Part A — Morality and justice

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and justice**.

19. (a) Describe some causes of crime. 6
- (b) Choose a non-religious view you have studied.
What does it say about the causes of crime? 4
20. (a) Describe different types of non-custodial sentences. 5
- (b) Explain how non-custodial sentences might affect people. 4
21. *'Religious people have a moral responsibility to oppose capital punishment.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part B — Morality and relationships

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and relationships**.

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| 22. | (a) | Describe some types of marriage. | 6 |
| | (b) | Choose a non-religious view you have studied.
What does it say about marriage? | 4 |
| 23. | (a) | Describe different views on gender roles. | 5 |
| | (b) | Explain how having gender roles might affect people. | 4 |
| 24. | | <i>'Religious people have a moral responsibility to promote equality.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part C — Morality, environment and global issues

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality, environment and global issues**.

25. (a) Describe some types of environmental crisis. 6
- (b) Choose a non-religious view you have studied.
What does it say about environmental crises? 4
26. (a) Explain how poverty might affect people. 4
- (b) Describe possible solutions to poverty. 5
27. *'Religious people have a moral responsibility to protect natural resources.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part D — Morality, medicine and the human body

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality, medicine and the human body**.

28. (a) Describe some uses of embryos. 6
- (b) Choose a non-religious view you have studied.
What does it say about the use of embryos? 4
29. (a) Describe different types of euthanasia. 5
- (b) Explain how belief in the right to die might affect people. 4
30. *'Religious people have a moral responsibility to oppose assisted dying.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part E — Morality and conflict

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and conflict**.

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| 31. | (a) | Describe some types of modern armaments. | 6 |
| | (b) | Choose a non-religious view you have studied.
What does it say about modern armaments? | 4 |
| 32. | (a) | Describe different types of sanctions. | 5 |
| | (b) | Explain how the use of sanctions might affect people. | 4 |
| 33. | | <i>'Religious people have a moral responsibility to oppose war.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 26 MARKS

Attempt ONE part

Part A — Origins

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Origins**.

34. Describe different ways people might interpret creation stories. 4
35. (a) What are the main points of the theory of evolution? 5
- (b) *'The theory of evolution proves that creation stories are not true.'*
Why might someone say this? 4
36. (a) How does science explain the origin of the universe? 5
- (b) *'Religious explanations for the origin of the universe are not convincing.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

Part B — The existence of God

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **The existence of God**.

37. What might people believe about the nature of God? 4
38. (a) What are the main points of the teleological argument? 5
- (b) *'Science proves the teleological argument doesn't work.'*
Why might someone say this? 4
39. (a) How did Aquinas argue for the existence of God? 5
- (b) *'The cosmological argument is convincing.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part C — The problem of suffering and evil

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **The problem of suffering and evil**.

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| 40. | Describe different types of suffering. | 4 |
| 41. | (a) What might people believe about the nature of God? | 5 |
| | (b) <i>'Suffering and evil challenges beliefs about God.'</i>
Why might someone say this? | 4 |
| 42. | (a) How might a religious person explain suffering and evil? | 5 |
| | (b) <i>'Religious explanations for suffering and evil are convincing.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

Part D — Miracles

Attempt ALL the questions in this part if you have studied **Miracles**.

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| 43. | How does science understand the laws of nature? | 4 |
| 44. | (a) Describe the main points of one miracle in nature. | 5 |
| | (b) <i>'Science disproves miracles in nature.'</i>
Why might someone say this? | 4 |
| 45. | (a) Explain different ways people might understand scriptural miracles. | 5 |
| | (b) <i>'Religious explanations for healing miracles are convincing.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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