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**Religious, Moral and  
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**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

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## Part A — Buddhism

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

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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | What do Buddhists understand by the Three Marks of Existence?                                                               | 5 |
| 2. | (a) What do Buddhists believe about nibbana?                                                                                | 6 |
|    | (b) How might beliefs about nibbana <b>affect</b> Buddhists?                                                                | 4 |
| 3. | (a) Describe <b>two</b> of the five precepts.                                                                               | 4 |
|    | (b) <i>'The five precepts are not relevant in the modern world.'</i><br>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. | What might Christians believe about the nature of God?                                                                     | 5 |
| 5. | (a) What do Christians believe about judgement?                                                                            | 6 |
|    | (b) How might beliefs about judgement <b>affect</b> Christians?                                                            | 4 |
| 6. | (a) Describe <b>two</b> of Jesus' teachings.                                                                               | 4 |
|    | (b) <i>'Jesus' teachings are not relevant in the modern world.'</i><br>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. | What might Hindus believe about the nature of God?                                                              | 5 |
| 8. | (a) What do Hindus believe about Moksha?                                                                        | 6 |
|    | (b) How might beliefs about Moksha <b>affect</b> Hindus?                                                        | 4 |
| 9. | (a) Describe <b>two</b> ways Hindus can follow dharma.                                                          | 4 |
|    | (b) <i>'Dharma is not relevant in the modern world.'</i><br>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. | What might Muslims believe about the nature of God?                                                                        | 5 |
| 11. | (a) What do Muslims believe about judgement?                                                                               | 6 |
|     | (b) How might beliefs about judgement <b>affect</b> Muslims?                                                               | 4 |
| 12. | (a) Describe <b>two</b> of the Five Pillars.                                                                               | 4 |
|     | (b) <i>'The Five Pillars are not relevant in the modern world.'</i><br>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. | What might Jews believe about the nature of God?                                                                      | 5 |
| 14. | (a) What do Jews believe about judgement?                                                                             | 6 |
|     | (b) How might beliefs about judgement <b>affect</b> Jews?                                                             | 4 |
| 15. | (a) Describe <b>two</b> ways Jews can keep the Covenant.                                                              | 4 |
|     | (b) <i>'The Covenant is not relevant in the modern world.'</i><br>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. | What might Sikhs believe about the nature of God?                                                                              | 5 |
| 17. | (a) What do Sikhs believe about Jivan Muhkti?                                                                                  | 6 |
|     | (b) How might beliefs about Jivan Muhkti <b>affect</b> Sikhs?                                                                  | 4 |
| 18. | (a) Describe <b>two</b> of the Gurus' teachings.                                                                               | 4 |
|     | (b) <i>'The Gurus' teachings are not relevant in the modern world.'</i><br>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**.

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| 19. | (a) | Describe some purposes of punishment.                                                                                                         | 5 |
|     | (b) | Choose a religious view you have studied, what does it say about the purposes of punishment?                                                  | 6 |
| 20. |     | Explain why capital punishment raises moral issues.                                                                                           | 4 |
| 21. | (a) | Describe two causes of crime.                                                                                                                 | 4 |
|     | (b) | <i>'The punishment should fit the crime — it doesn't matter why it was committed.'</i><br>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 forms of exploitation.                                                                                          | 5 |
|     | (b) | Choose a religious view you have studied, what does it say about exploitation?                                                | 6 |
| 23. |     | Explain why gender roles raise moral issues.                                                                                  | 4 |
| 24. | (a) | Describe two reasons why someone might get married.                                                                           | 4 |
|     | (b) | <i>'It is too easy to get divorced — marriage should be for life.'</i><br>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**.

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| 25. | (a) | Describe some causes of poverty.                                                                                            | 5 |
|     | (b) | Choose a religious view you have studied, what does it say about poverty?                                                   | 6 |
| 26. |     | Explain why resource management raises moral issues.                                                                        | 4 |
| 27. | (a) | Describe two reasons why people might need charity.                                                                         | 4 |
|     | (b) | <i>'It is important to give to charity — everyone should do it.'</i><br>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**.

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| 28. | (a) | Describe some forms of end-of-life care.                                                                            | 5 |
|     | (b) | Choose a religious view you have studied, what does it say about end-of-life care?                                  | 6 |
| 29. |     | Explain why assisted dying raises moral issues.                                                                     | 4 |
| 30. | (a) | Describe <b>two</b> ways in which embryos might be used.                                                            | 4 |
|     | (b) | <i>'We need to use embryos — there should be no limits.'</i><br>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 alternatives to war.                                                                                                          | 5 |
|     | (b) | Choose a religious view you have studied, what does it say about alternatives to war?                                                       | 6 |
| 32. |     | Explain why conflict raises moral issues.                                                                                                   | 4 |
| 33. | (a) | Describe two modern armaments.                                                                                                              | 4 |
|     | (b) | <i>'Weapons of mass destruction are necessary — every country should have them.'</i><br>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**.

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| 34. | (a) | Describe the main points of the big bang theory.                                                                    | 5 |
|     | (b) | <i>'Religious people should accept the big bang theory.'</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 35. |     | Why might people believe in evolution?                                                                              | 5 |
| 36. | (a) | Describe <b>one</b> creation story.                                                                                 | 4 |
|     | (b) | <i>'Science proves creation stories can't be true.'</i><br>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**.

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| 37. | (a) | Describe the main points of the cosmological argument.                                                                                      | 5 |
|     | (b) | <i>‘Everyone should accept the cosmological argument.’</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.                           | 4 |
| 38. | (a) | Describe Paley’s argument for God’s existence.                                                                                              | 5 |
|     | (b) | Why might someone disagree with Paley’s argument?                                                                                           | 4 |
| 39. |     | <i>‘Science proves the arguments for the existence of God are no longer needed.’</i><br>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. | (a) | Describe different types of suffering.                                                                                         | 5 |
|     | (b) | <i>'Religious people should expect God to put a stop to suffering.'</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 41. |     | Describe <b>one</b> theodicy you have studied.                                                                                 | 5 |
| 42. | (a) | What is meant by determinism?                                                                                                  | 4 |
|     | (b) | <i>'Free will gives the best explanation for suffering and evil.'</i><br>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. | (a) | What is meant by divine intervention?                                                                               | 5 |
|     | (b) | <i>'Religious people should expect divine intervention.'</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 44. |     | How might religious people understand scriptural miracles?                                                          | 5 |
| 45. | (a) | Describe <b>one</b> non-scriptural miracle.                                                                         | 4 |
|     | (b) | <i>'Science proves that miracles can't happen.'</i><br>How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.          | 8 |

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