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**Religious, Moral and  
Philosophical Studies**

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**Total marks — 60**

**SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 20 marks**

Attempt ONE Part

**SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks**

Attempt ONE Part

**SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 20 marks**

Attempt ONE Part

Write your answer 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.

The marks available for each question are indicated. You should use these as a guide to the amount of detail you should include in your answer.

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 — 20 Marks

## Part A — Buddhism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Buddhism** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 1. | Explain why the life of the Buddha is important to Buddhists.                                                                                      | 3 |
| 2. | Explain why Buddhists believe it is helpful to follow the Dhamma.                                                                                  | 5 |
| 3. | (a) Describe <b>two</b> steps of the Noble Eightfold Path.                                                                                         | 4 |
|    | (b) “ <i>Following the Noble Eightfold Path is too difficult in today’s society.</i> ”<br>Would all Buddhists agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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## SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 20 Marks

## Part B — Christianity

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Christianity** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 1. | Explain why the teachings in the gospels are important for Christians.                               | 3 |
| 2. | Explain why Christians believe the Kingdom of God is important.                                      | 5 |
| 3. | (a) Describe <b>two</b> ways in which Christians worship.                                            | 4 |
|    | (b) " <i>Worshipping in church is the best way to show you are a Christian in today's society.</i> " |   |
|    | Would all Christians agree? Give reasons for your answer.                                            | 8 |

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## SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 20 Marks

## Part C — Hinduism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Hinduism** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 1. | Explain why stories about the gods are important for Hindus.                                         | 3 |
| 2. | Explain why Hindus believe it is helpful to follow dharma.                                           | 5 |
| 3. | (a) Describe what Hindus believe about moksha.                                                       | 4 |
|    | (b) “ <i>Bhakti, the path of devotion, is the most practical way for Hindus to achieve moksha.</i> ” |   |
|    | Would all Hindus agree? Give reasons for your answer.                                                | 8 |

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## Part D — Islam

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Islam** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 1. | Explain why the Qur'an is important to Muslims.                                                    | 3 |
| 2. | Explain why Muslims believe they should submit to the will of Allah.                               | 5 |
| 3. | (a) Describe what Muslims believe about the nature of human beings.                                | 4 |
|    | (b) " <i>Representing Allah on earth as his vice-regent is too difficult in today's society.</i> " |   |
|    | Would all Muslims agree? Give reasons for your answer.                                             | 8 |

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Part E — Judaism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Judaism** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 1. | Explain why the Torah is important for Jews.                               | 3 |
| 2. | Explain why Jews believe they should worship God.                          | 5 |
| 3. | (a) Describe what Jews believe about the Messiah.                          | 4 |
|    | (b) “ <i>Jews should continue to hope for the coming of the Messiah.</i> ” |   |
|    | Would all Jews agree? Give reasons for your answer.                        | 8 |

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## Part F — Sikhism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Sikhism** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 1. | Explain why the teachings of the Gurus are important for Sikhs.                                                     | 3 |
| 2. | Explain why Sikhs believe they should show respect to the Guru Granth Sahib.                                        | 5 |
| 3. | (a) Describe what Sikhs believe about Gurmukh.                                                                      | 4 |
|    | (b) “ <i>Gurmukh is too difficult in today’s society.</i> ”<br>Would all Sikhs agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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## SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks

## Part A — Religion and Justice

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion and Justice** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

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| 1. | (a)                                                              | Explain how religion helps people to make moral decisions.                                     | 3 |
|    | (b)                                                              | Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied. Describe what it says about capital punishment. | 4 |
|    | (c)                                                              | Explain the possible impact of using the death penalty as a form of punishment.                | 5 |
| 2. | “ <i>The only purpose of punishment should be retribution.</i> ” |                                                                                                |   |
|    | Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.                      |                                                                                                | 8 |

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## SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks

## Part B — Religion and Relationships

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion and Relationships** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

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| 1. | (a)                                                      | Explain how religion helps people to make moral decisions.                               | 3 |
|    | (b)                                                      | Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied. Describe what it says about gender roles. | 4 |
|    | (c)                                                      | Explain the possible impact of having different gender roles in society.                 | 5 |
| 2. | “People should wait until they are married to have sex.” |                                                                                          |   |
|    | Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.              |                                                                                          | 8 |

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## SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks

## Part C — Religion, Environment and Global Issues

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion, Environment and Global Issues** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | (a)                                                                   | Explain how religion helps people to make moral decisions.                                                 | 3 |
|    | (b)                                                                   | Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied. Describe what it teaches about respect for the environment. | 4 |
|    | (c)                                                                   | Explain the possible impact of using the earth's natural resources.                                        | 5 |
| 2. | “People in the UK should do more to respond to environmental crises.” |                                                                                                            |   |
|    | Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.                           |                                                                                                            | 8 |

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## SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks

## Part D — Religion, Medicine and the Human Body

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion, Medicine and the Human Body** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

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| 1. | (a)                                                | Explain how religion helps people to make moral decisions.                                           | 3 |
|    | (b)                                                | Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied. Describe what it says about the treatment of embryos. | 4 |
|    | (c)                                                | Explain the possible impact of using embryos for research.                                           | 5 |
| 2. | “Palliative care removes the need for euthanasia.” |                                                                                                      |   |
|    | Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.        |                                                                                                      | 8 |

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## SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks

## Part E — Religion and Conflict

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion and Conflict** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | (a)                                                                  | Explain how religion helps people to make moral decisions.                                      | 3 |
|    | (b)                                                                  | Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied. Describe what it says about the morality of war. | 4 |
|    | (c)                                                                  | Explain the possible impact of war.                                                             | 5 |
| 2. | “ <i>It is never right to possess weapons of mass destruction.</i> ” |                                                                                                 |   |
|    | Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.                          |                                                                                                 | 8 |

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SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 20 marks

Part A — The Origins of Life

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **The Origins of Life** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

1. (a) What evidence does science offer to support the Big Bang Theory? 4  
 (b) “*The world is **not** here by chance.*”  
 Explain why religious people might agree with this statement. 5
2. (a) Why are creation stories important for religious people? 3  
 (b)



Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Arti’s view.

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Part B — The Existence of God

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **The Existence of God** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

1. (a) What reasons might someone have for believing that life was **not** designed? 4  
 (b) *“The world must have been designed by God.”*  
 Explain why religious people might agree with this statement. 5
2. (a) Why is belief in God important for religious people? 3  
 (b)



Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Arti's view.

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## Part C — The Problem of Evil and Suffering

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **The Problem of Evil and Suffering** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

1. (a) What reasons might someone have for believing that God is good? 4  
 (b) “*Suffering is part of God’s plan.*”  
 Explain why religious people might agree with this statement. 5
2. (a) Why is freewill important for religious people? 3  
 (b)



Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Arti’s view.

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## Part D — Miracles

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Miracles** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

1. (a) What reasons might someone have for believing that miracles really happen? 4  
 (b) “*Miracles should be understood metaphorically.*”  
 Explain why religious people might agree with this statement. 5
2. (a) Why are miracles important for religious people? 3  
 (b)



Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Arti's view.

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