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Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies

FRIDAY, 8 MAY

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

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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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. | (a) | Describe what Buddhism teaches about the nature of existence. | 3 |
| | (b) | Explain how beliefs about the nature of existence might affect Buddhists. | 5 |
| 2. | (a) | Explain what Buddhists understand by the term “Sangha”. | 4 |
| | (b) | “ <i>Living as part of the Sangha is no longer relevant in today’s world.</i> ”
Would Buddhists agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part B — Christianity

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

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| 3. | (a) | Describe what Christianity teaches about the nature of God. | 3 |
| | (b) | Explain how beliefs about God might affect Christians. | 5 |
| 4. | (a) | Explain what Christians understand by the term “mission”. | 4 |
| | (b) | “ <i>Taking part in mission is no longer relevant in today’s world.</i> ”
Would Christians agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part C — Hinduism

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

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| 5. | (a) | Describe what Hinduism teaches about the nature of Brahman. | 3 |
| | (b) | Explain how beliefs about Brahman might affect Hindus. | 5 |
| 6. | (a) | Explain what Hindus understand by the term “Varna”. | 4 |
| | (b) | “ <i>Living according to Varna is no longer relevant in today’s world.</i> ”
Would 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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| 7. (a) Describe what Islam teaches about the nature of God. | 3 |
| (b) Explain how beliefs about God might affect Muslims. | 5 |
| 8. (a) Explain what Muslims understand by the term “Sunnah”. | 4 |
| (b) “ <i>Living according to the Sunnah is no longer relevant in today’s world.</i> ”
Would 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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| 9. | (a) | Describe what Judaism teaches about the nature of God. | 3 |
| | (b) | Explain how beliefs about God might affect Jews. | 5 |
| 10. | (a) | Describe what Jews understand by “Shabbat”. | 4 |
| | (b) | “ <i>Keeping Shabbat is no longer relevant in today’s world.</i> ”
Would 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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| 11. | (a) | Describe what Sikhism teaches about the nature of God. | 3 |
| | (b) | Explain how beliefs about God might affect Sikhs. | 5 |
| 12. | (a) | Explain what Sikhs understand by the Khalsa. | 4 |
| | (b) | <i>“Living as part of the Khalsa is no longer relevant in today’s world.”</i>
Would 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.

13. (a) Explain **two** moral issues arising from the use of punishment. 4
- (b) Describe the main features of Utilitarianism. 3
- (c)



Would Utilitarians agree with David? Give reasons for your answer. 4

14. (a) Choose **one** religious viewpoint you have studied. Explain what it says about capital punishment. 5
- (b) Capital Punishment makes the world a better place.
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4

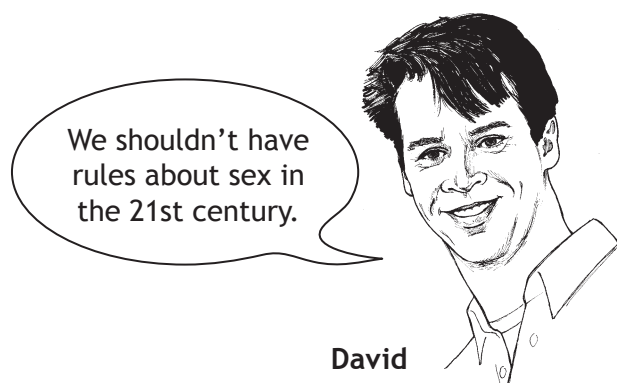
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Part B — Religion and Relationships

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

15. (a) Explain **two** moral issues arising from human sexuality. 4
- (b) Describe the main features of Utilitarianism. 3
- (c)



Would Utilitarians agree with David? Give reasons for your answer. 4

16. (a) Choose **one** religious viewpoint you have studied. Explain what it says about marriage. 5
- (b) Marriage makes the world a better place.
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4

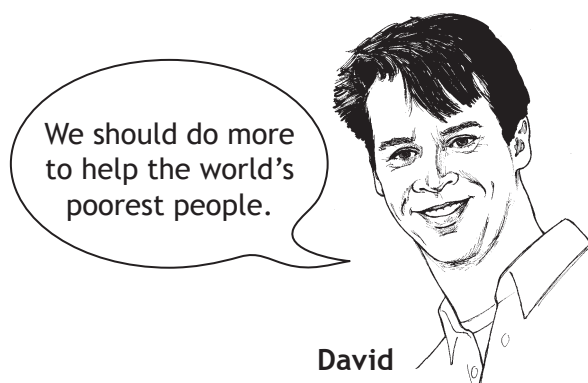
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Part C — Religion, Environment and Global Issues

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

17. (a) Explain **two** moral issues arising from the use of international aid. 4
- (b) Describe the main features of Utilitarianism. 3
- (c)



Would Utilitarians agree with David? Give reasons for your answer. 4

18. (a) Choose **one** religious viewpoint you have studied. Explain what it says about caring for the environment. 5
- (b) Using natural resources makes the world a better place.
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4

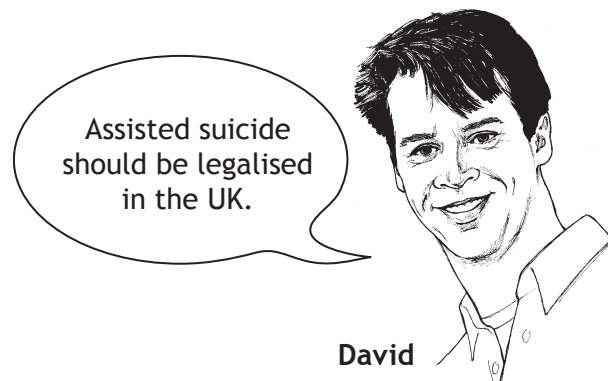
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Part D — Religion, Medicine and the Human Body

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

19. (a) Explain **two** moral issues arising from assisted suicide. 4
- (b) Describe the main features of Utilitarianism. 3
- (c)



Would Utilitarians agree with David? Give reasons for your answer. 4

20. (a) Choose **one** religious viewpoint you have studied. Explain what it says about the sanctity of life. 5
- (b) Respecting the sanctity of human life makes the world a better place. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4

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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.

21. (a) Explain **two** moral issues arising from going to war. 4
- (b) Describe the main features of Utilitarianism. 3
- (c)



Would Utilitarians agree with David? Give reasons for your answer. 4

22. (a) Choose **one** religious viewpoint you have studied. Explain what it says about justification for war. 5
- (b) War makes the world a better place. 4
- Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

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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.

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| 23. | (a) | Describe two religious creation stories. | 4 |
| | (b) | Explain how a non-religious person might understand creation stories. | 5 |
| 24. | (a) | What are the main points of the Big Bang Theory? | 3 |
| | (b) | <i>“The Big Bang Theory proves that God did not create the universe.”</i>
How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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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.

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| 25. | (a) | Give two pieces of evidence used to support the teleological argument. | 4 |
| | (b) | Explain why someone might disagree with the teleological argument. | 5 |
| 26. | (a) | What are the main points of the cosmological argument? | 3 |
| | (b) | <i>“The cosmological argument proves the existence of God.”</i>
How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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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.

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| 27. | (a) | Describe two different types of suffering. | 4 |
| | (b) | Explain what a non-religious person might say about the reasons for suffering. | 5 |
| 28. | (a) | Describe the main beliefs religious people might hold about the nature of God. | 3 |
| | (b) | <i>“Suffering strengthens belief in God.”</i>
How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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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.

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| 29. | (a) Describe two miracles from scripture. | 4 |
| | (b) Explain how a non-religious person might understand scriptural miracles. | 5 |
| 30. | (a) Describe the main points of one modern day miracle you have studied. | 3 |
| | (b) “ <i>Miracles are an essential part of religious belief.</i> ”
How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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