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# Religious Studies

Paper 9

An Introduction to Philosophy  
of Religion



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**FRIDAY 25 JANUARY, MORNING**

## TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

**You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.**

**Do not write outside the boxed area on each page or on blank pages.**

Complete in black ink only. **Do not write with a gel pen.**

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** and **two** from **three** questions in **Section B** in the spaces provided in this booklet.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 105.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

Spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar will be assessed in Section B Questions **5(c)**, **6(c)** and **7(c)**, where **two** questions only are required to be completed.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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## Section A

Answer **all** questions.

### 1 Religious Experience

(a) (i) Name **one** religion that believes God is present everywhere.

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(ii) Name **two** examples of religious experience.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(iii) Name **one** scholar who has written about religious experience.

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(iv) What is meant by the term “atheist”?

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## 2 Revelation

(a) (i) Name **two** founders of a world religion.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(ii) Name **one** example of general revelation.

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(iii) Name **one** example of special revelation.

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(iv) What is the purpose of special revelation?

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(b) "The best way to know God is to read a sacred text."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view.

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3 The Problem of Evil



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(a) Describe what is meant by the problem of evil.

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#### 4 Worship

(a) Describe how religious believers may experience God through worship.

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(b) "Public worship is not as meaningful as personal and private worship."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer showing that you have considered different points of view.

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## Section B

Answer **two** from **three** questions.

**Five** marks will be awarded for spelling, punctuation and accurate use of grammar in part (c) of your answers.

### 5 The Nature of God

(a) Outline the central beliefs about God in **two** religious traditions you have studied.

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**(b)** Explain why it may be more difficult for young people today to believe in God.

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Use the lines below if required to answer Question 5(c).

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**6 The First Cause Argument**

(a) Outline the First Cause Argument for the existence of God.

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(b) Explain why some people reject the First Cause Argument.

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(c) "Believing in God is based on faith not on arguments."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

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## 7 Creation and Origins

- (a) Describe the origins of the world according to a religious tradition you have studied. Name the tradition you have chosen.

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(b) Explain why accounts of creation are important for religious believers.

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