



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2012

Religious Studies

Paper 9

An Introduction to Philosophy
of Religion

[GRS91]

MONDAY 11 JUNE, MORNING



Centre Number

71

Candidate Number

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.

Answer **all** the questions in **Section A** in the spaces provided in this paper **and two** from **three** questions in **Section B** on the lined pages at the end of this question paper.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

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

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1 The Existence of God

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

_____ [1]

(ii) What is meant by the term “agnostic”?

_____ [1]

(iii) What is meant by the term “theist”?

_____ [1]

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

_____ [1]

(v) What is meant by the term “polytheism”?

_____ [1]

(b) Explain what religious believers might learn about God from looking at the world around them.

_____ [5]

2 The Revelation of God

(a) (i) Name **two** examples of sacred texts from different religious traditions you have studied.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(ii) Name **two** examples of religious leaders from different religious traditions you have studied.

1. _____ [1]

2. _____ [1]

(iii) What is meant by the term "Special Revelation"?

_____ [1]

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Section B

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

Write on the pages provided at the end of the question paper.

5 Evil and Suffering

(a) Outline teaching about the origins of evil from **one** religious tradition you have studied. [5]

(b) Explain what **one** religious tradition you have studied teaches about the purposes of suffering. [5]

(c) "Religion is a great source of good in the world."
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

6 Creation and Science

(a) Describe what **one** religious tradition you have studied teaches about the creation of the universe. [5]

(b) Explain the "First Cause" argument put forward by St Thomas Aquinas. [5]

(c) "The Theory of Evolution does not necessarily challenge belief in God."
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

7 The Afterlife

(a) Outline teachings from **one** religious tradition you have studied about life after death. [5]

(b) How might belief in an afterlife provide comfort to someone who is suffering? [5]

(c) "We cannot be certain what happens after death so we should just enjoy life and live for the moment."
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

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