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Paper 9

An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

[GRS91]

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GRS91

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 booklet **and two** from **three** questions in **Section B** on the lined pages at the end of 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 The Existence of God

(a) (i) What is a miracle?

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(ii) Which argument for the existence of God was developed by William Paley?

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(iii) Who outlined the "First Cause" argument for the existence of God?

_____ [1]

(iv) In which book of the Bible is the Christian creation story found?

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(v) According to the Christian creation story, what was the name of the first man?

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(b) Outline **one** argument for the existence of God.

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(c) "God is not at work in the world today."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer.

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2 The Nature of God

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

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

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

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

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

_____ [1]

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(b) "It is wrong for religious believers to think of God as a human being."

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

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3 Creation and Science

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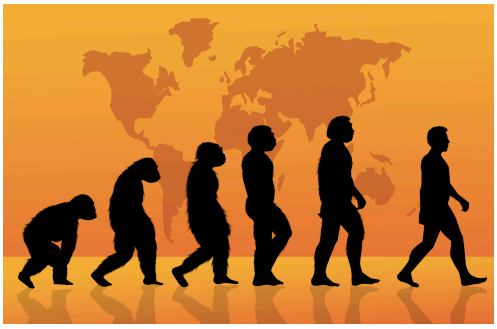

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(a) Outline the Theory of Evolution.

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(b) Explain why some religious believers have no problem accepting the Theory of Evolution.

[5]

(c) "This imperfect world cannot have been created by a good God."

Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer.

[5]

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4 Experiencing God

(a) Describe an example of Special Revelation from one religious tradition you have studied.

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(b) "It is impossible for God to be *both* transcendent and immanent."

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

[10]

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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.

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

5 Life After Death

(a) Outline some arguments a person might use to try to prove that there is life after death. [5]

(b) Explain why some people believe that there is no life after death. [5]

(c) "It is not fair that bad things happen to good people."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

6 The Revelation of God

(a) Describe what a believer might learn about God from the sacred text of **one** religious tradition you have studied. [5]

(b) Explain what the sacred text of another religious tradition teaches about the nature of God. [5]

(c) "Personal religious experience is the only real proof that God exists."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

7 Religious Example

(a) Describe how God is revealed through the life of **one** religious leader you have studied. [5]

(b) Explain how a religious believer might experience God through worship. [5]

(c) "Religious faith makes no sense in the modern world."

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [10]

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Question Number

Write your answers to **Section B** here.

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