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Morning (Time: 2 hours)		Paper Reference 9RS0/01	
Religious Studies Advanced Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion			
You do not need any other materials.			Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- 1** Explore key ideas of Cosmological Arguments for the existence of God.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)

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2 Assess the view that the soul can survive the death of the body.

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS

SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

The partisan of the parable does not allow anything to count decisively against the proposition 'The Stranger is on our side.' This is because he has committed himself to trust the Stranger. But he of course recognizes that the Stranger's ambiguous behaviour does count against what he believes about him. It is precisely this situation which constitutes the trial of his faith.

Hare's lunatic who has a *blik* about dons doesn't admit that anything counts against his *blik*. Nothing can count against *bliks*. Also the partisan has a reason for having in the first instance committed himself, viz. the character of the Stranger; whereas the lunatic has no reason for his *blik* about dons – because, of course, you can't have reasons for *bliks*. This means that I agree with Flew that theological utterances must be assertions. The partisan is making an assertion when he says, 'The Stranger is on our side.'

(Source: Extract adapted from 'The Philosophy of Religion' - Chapter I, 'Theology and Falsification: A Symposium', edited by Mitchell, B., Oxford University Press, 1977, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify Mitchell's ideas in this passage that religious claims are assertions because they do allow things to count against them.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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- (b) Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the challenge to religious language from the verification debate.

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(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS

SECTION C**Write your answer in the space provided.**

- 4** Evaluate the view that the problem of suffering shows that ideas about the nature and existence of God are inconsistent.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Philosophy of Religion have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Religion and Ethics
- New Testament Studies
- Study of Religion.

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(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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