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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.
- Try to answer every question.
- 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 the idea of analogy in the Design Argument.

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2 Assess the key points in the debate between science and religion.

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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.

Perhaps the most important proposed solution of the problem of evil is that evil is not to be ascribed to God at all, but to the independent actions of human beings, supposed to have been endowed by God with freedom of the will. This solution may be combined with the preceding one: first order evil (e.g., pain) may be justified as a logically necessary component in second order good (e.g., sympathy) while second order evil (e.g., cruelty) is not justified, but is so ascribed to human beings that God cannot be held responsible for it... The free will solution also involves the preceding solution at a higher level. To explain why a wholly good God gave men free will although it would lead to some important evils, it must be argued that it is better on the whole that men should act freely, and sometimes err, than that they should be innocent automata, acting rightly in a wholly determined way.

(Source: Extract from *Evil and Omnipotence*, Mackie, J.L., in *The Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Mitchell, B., Oxford, OUP, 1977, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3** (a) Clarify the ideas about free will in the extract.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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- (b) Analyse the claim that the problem of non-moral (natural) evil is greater than the problem of moral evil.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



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

- 4** Evaluate the claim that critiques of religious belief provide decisive challenges to religion.

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 a Religion.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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