

Religious Studies  
Advanced  
PAPER 1: Philosophy of Religion

Total Marks
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Monday 10 June 2024 – Morning

Time: 2 hours

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**Text Booklet**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**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.**

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## **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 key features of a posteriori arguments.  
(8 marks)**

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## SECTION B

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

**Read the passage for Question 3 in the Text Booklet before answering the questions.**

- 3 (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in the passage about contingent and necessary beings.**

**You must refer to the passage in your response.  
(10 marks)**

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**(b) Analyse the claim that the  
Cosmological Argument fails to prove  
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## SECTION C

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

- 4 Evaluate the claim that religious language is meaningless.**

**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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