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**X864/77/11**

**Religious, Moral and  
Philosophical Studies**

THURSDAY, 11 MAY

9:00 AM — 12:00 NOON

**Total marks — 90**

**SECTION 1 — PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION — 45 marks**

Attempt **EITHER** question 1 **OR** question 2 **OR** question 3

**THEN** attempt question 4.

**SECTION 2 — 45 marks**

Attempt **EITHER** Part A **OR** Part B

**Part A — RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE — 45 marks**

Attempt **EITHER** question 5 **OR** question 6 **OR** question 7

**THEN** attempt question 8

**Part B — MEDICAL ETHICS — 45 marks**

Attempt **EITHER** question 9 **OR** question 10 **OR** question 11

**THEN** attempt question 12.

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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**SECTION 1 — PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION — 45 marks**

**MARKS**

Attempt **EITHER** question 1 **OR** question 2 **OR** question 3 **THEN** attempt question 4.

1. 'The best one can say is that the universe is finite with respect to the past, not that it was an event with a beginning.'  
To what extent do you agree with scientific responses to the cosmological argument? **30**
  
2. 'Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who sets the planets in motion.'  
To what extent do you agree with scientific responses to the teleological argument? **30**
  
3. 'Science can account for anything.'  
To what extent do you agree with scientific responses to atheism? **30**

Read the following source and attempt question 4.

'Since everything that begins to exist has a cause of its existence and since the universe began to exist, we conclude that therefore the universe has a cause of its existence.'

*William Lane Craig*

4. (a) Describe what is meant by the Kalam argument. **5**
- (b) Analyse this source. **5**
- (c) Evaluate this source. **5**

## SECTION 2 — 45 marks

## Part A — Religious Experience

Attempt this Part if you have studied Religious Experience.

Attempt **EITHER** question 5 **OR** question 6 **OR** question 7 **THEN** attempt question 8.

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| 5. | How valid are Swinburne's arguments about religious experience?                               | 30 |
| 6. | How valid is the claim that religious experiences strengthen personal relationships with God? | 30 |
| 7. | How valid are psychological accounts of religious experiences?                                | 30 |

Read the following source and attempt question 8.

'As to what the further cause of such experience might be, the answer to this lies beyond the range of human knowledge.'

*Carl Jung*

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| 8. | (a) Describe psychological accounts of religious experience. | 5 |
|    | (b) Analyse this source.                                     | 5 |
|    | (c) Evaluate this source.                                    | 5 |

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Attempt this Part if you have studied Medical Ethics.

Attempt EITHER question 9 OR question 10 OR question 11 THEN attempt question 12.

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| 9.  | How valid are religious responses to the treatment and use of embryos? | 30 |
| 10. | How valid are religious responses to organ procurement?                | 30 |
| 11. | How valid are religious responses to assisted dying?                   | 30 |

Read the following source and attempt question 12.

‘An assisted dying law sends the subliminal message, however unintended by legislators, that if we are terminally ill taking our own lives is something we should consider.’

*Baroness Ilora Finlay of Llandaff*

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| 12. | (a) Describe what is meant by assisted dying. | 5 |
|     | (b) Analyse this source.                      | 5 |
|     | (c) Evaluate this source.                     | 5 |

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