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**Religious, Moral and
Philosophical Studies**

FRIDAY, 10 MAY

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Total marks — 90

SECTION 1 — PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION — 45 marks

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

THEN attempt question 3.

SECTION 2 — 45 marks

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

Part A — RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE — 45 marks

Attempt **EITHER** question 4 **OR** question 5

THEN attempt question 6

Part B — MEDICAL ETHICS — 45 marks

Attempt **EITHER** question 7 **OR** question 8

THEN attempt question 9.

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

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

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| 1. 'The Kalam argument fails to prove that God exists.' How far do you agree with this statement? | 30 |
| 2. 'Arguments from intelligent design fail to prove that God exists.' How far do you agree with this statement? | 30 |

Read the following source and attempt question 3.

'There is nothing beyond the natural, physical world, no supernatural creative intelligence lurking behind the observable universe, no soul that outlasts the body and no miracles . . .'

Richard Dawkins

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| 3. (a) Describe what is meant by atheism. | 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 4 **OR** question 5 **THEN** attempt question 6.

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| 4. 'James' ideas are central to our understanding of religious experience.' | 30 |
| To what extent do you agree? | |
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| 5. 'Mystical experiences are central to our understanding of religious experience.' | 30 |
| To what extent do you agree? | |

Read the following source and attempt question 6.

'Neuroscientists claim that neuroscience contributes considerably in the process of understanding religious experiences, because neuroscience is able to measure brain activity during religious experiences by way of brain-imaging technologies.'

Anne LC Runehov

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| 6. (a) Describe what is meant by scientific accounts of religious experience. | 5 |
| (b) Analyse this source. | 5 |
| (c) Evaluate this source. | 5 |

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Part B — Medical Ethics

Attempt this Part if you have studied Medical Ethics.

Attempt **EITHER** question 7 **OR** question 8 **THEN** attempt question 9.

7. 'The treatment and use of embryos is morally unacceptable.' 30
To what extent do you agree?

8. 'End of life care is not a moral issue.' 30
To what extent do you agree?

Read the following source and attempt question 9.

'Presumably people fail to donate only because of . . . mild doubts about their preferences, a slight distaste for considering the subject . . . in this context it is possible that a relatively modest financial incentive would improve donation rates substantially.'

Henry Hansmann

9. (a) Describe what is meant by organ procurement. 5
- (b) Analyse this source. 5
- (c) Evaluate this source. 5

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