



National  
Qualifications  
2021 ASSESSMENT RESOURCE

X864/77/11

**Religious, Moral and  
Philosophical Studies**

Duration — 3 hours

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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**

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

1. ‘Given the improbability of God, atheism is the only acceptable response.’

How valid is this claim?

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2. ‘Aquinas’ argument from motion, contingency and causation proves that God exists.’

How valid is this claim?

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3. ‘The Teleological argument fails to prove that God exists.’

How valid is this claim?

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Read the following source and attempt question 4.

‘Some intelligent being exists, by whom all natural things are directed to their end.’

*‘Summa Theologica’, Thomas Aquinas*

4. (a) Describe what is meant by the argument from design.

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- (b) Analyse this source.

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- (c) Evaluate this source.

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**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. To what extent does psychology provide an alternative account for religious experience? | 30 |
| 6. To what extent is conversion central to religious experience?                           | 30 |
| 7. To what extent are Swinburne's ideas about religious experience the most convincing?    | 30 |

Read the following source and attempt question 8.

'What I felt is this: God was present, though invisible; he fell under not one of my senses, yet my consciousness perceived him.'

*'Varieties of Religious Experience'*, William James

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| 8. (a) Describe what is meant by an understanding 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 9 OR question 10 OR question 11 THEN attempt question 12.

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| 9. To what extent is the treatment and use of embryos morally unacceptable? | 30 |
| 10. To what extent does organ procurement raise significant moral issues?   | 30 |
| 11. To what extent is personal choice central to the end of life debate?    | 30 |

Read the following source and attempt question 12.

‘... the unborn, though enclosed in the womb of his mother, is already a human being, and it is an almost monstrous crime to rob it of life which it has not yet begun to enjoy ...’

*Commentary On Exodus 21:22, John Calvin*

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

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