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**Religious, Moral and
Philosophical Studies**

Duration — 3 hours

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.

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| 1. 'Given the improbability of God, atheism is the only acceptable response.' | 30 |
| How valid is this claim? | |
| 2. 'Aquinas' argument from motion, contingency and causation proves that God exists.' | 30 |
| How valid is this claim? | |
| 3. 'The Teleological argument fails to prove that God exists.' | 30 |
| How valid is this claim? | |

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

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