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2021 ASSESSMENT RESOURCE

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**Religious, Moral and
Philosophical Studies**

Duration — 2 hours 20 minutes

Total marks — 80

SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 26 marks

Attempt ONE part.

SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 marks

Attempt ONE part.

SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 27 marks

Attempt ONE part.

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.

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SECTION 1 — WORLD RELIGION — 26 marks

Attempt ONE part

Part A — Buddhism

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Buddhism**.

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| 1. What do Buddhists believe about the Buddha? | 4 |
| 2. (a) What do Buddhists mean by the root poisons? | 4 |
| (b) How might a Buddhist's belief about the root poisons affect them? | 4 |
| 3. Explain how Buddhists follow the Eightfold Path. | 6 |
| 4. <i>'Buddhist belief about kamma is too negative.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part B — Christianity

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Christianity**.

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| 5. | What do Christians believe about the nature of God? | 4 |
| 6. | (a) What do Christians mean by free will? | 4 |
| | (b) How might a Christian's belief about free will affect them? | 4 |
| 7. | Explain how Christians follow Jesus' teachings and example. | 6 |
| 8. | <i>'Christian belief about judgement is too negative.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

Part C — Hinduism

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Hinduism**.

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| 9. | What do Hindus believe about the nature of God? | 4 |
| 10. | (a) What do Hindus mean by the atman? | 4 |
| | (b) How might a Hindu's belief about the atman affect them? | 4 |
| 11. | Explain how Hindus follow dharma. | 6 |
| 12. | <i>'Hindu belief about karma is too negative.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part D — Islam

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied Islam.

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| 13. | What do Muslims believe about the nature of God? | 4 |
| 14. | (a) What do Muslims mean by free will? | 4 |
| | (b) How might a Muslim's belief about free will affect them? | 4 |
| 15. | Explain how Muslims follow the Five Pillars. | 6 |
| 16. | <i>'Muslim belief about judgement is too negative.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

Part E — Judaism

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Judaism**.

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| 17. | What do Jews believe about the nature of God? | 4 |
| 18. | (a) What do Jews mean by the dual nature of human beings? | 4 |
| | (b) How might a Jew's belief about the dual nature of human beings affect them? | 4 |
| 19. | Explain how Jews follow the Torah. | 6 |
| 20. | <i>'Jewish belief about judgement is too negative.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part F – Sikhism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Sikhism**.

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| 21. | What do Sikhs believe about the nature of God? | 4 |
| 22. | (a) What do Sikhs mean by the atma? | 4 |
| | (b) How might a Sikh's belief about the atma affect them? | 4 |
| 23. | Explain how Sikhs practise sewa. | 6 |
| 24. | <i>'Sikh belief about karma is too negative.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 27 marks

Attempt ONE part

Part A — Morality and justice

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and justice**.

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| 25. | (a) | Describe different causes of crime. | 6 |
| | (b) | <i>'The cause of a crime should not affect the sentence given.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 26. | | What moral issues are raised by the purposes of punishment? | 4 |
| 27. | | Explain one non-religious viewpoint on the purposes of punishment. | 5 |
| 28. | | To what extent can religious people support the death penalty?
Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part B — Morality and relationships

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and relationships**.

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| 29. (a) Describe different types of marriage. | 6 |
| (b) <i>'There is no good reason for divorce.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 30. What moral issues are raised by sexual relationships? | 4 |
| 31. Explain one non-religious viewpoint on sexual relationships. | 5 |
| 32. To what extent should religious people support gender equality?
Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

Part C — Morality, environment and global issues

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality, environment and global issues**.

33. (a) Describe different effects of poverty. 6
- (b) *'There is no excuse for poverty.'*
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. 4
34. What moral issues are raised by trade? 4
35. Explain **one** non-religious viewpoint on trade. 5
36. *'We should take action to prevent environmental crises.'*
To what extent would **religious** people agree with this statement?
Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part D — Morality, medicine and the human body

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality, medicine and the human body**.

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| 37. (a) Describe different ways of using embryos. | 6 |
| (b) <i>'There should be no limits on the use of embryos.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 38. What moral issues are raised by voluntary euthanasia? | 4 |
| 39. Explain one non-religious viewpoint on euthanasia. | 5 |
| 40. To what extent can religious people support assisted dying?
Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

Part E — Morality and conflict

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Morality and conflict**.

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| 41. (a) Describe different types of war. | 6 |
| (b) <i>'There is no good reason for having weapons of mass destruction.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 42. What moral issues are raised by pacifism? | 4 |
| 43. Explain one non-religious viewpoint on war. | 5 |
| 44. To what extent can religious people support war?
Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 27 marks

Attempt ONE part

Part A — Origins

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Origins**.

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| 45. | (a) | Describe the main points of the big bang theory. | 5 |
| | (b) | Do you think it is possible for religious people to accept the big bang theory?
Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 46. | (a) | Explain the theory of evolution. | 5 |
| | (b) | Why do some religious people reject the theory of evolution? | 5 |
| 47. | | <i>'Creation stories should be understood literally.'</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

Part B — The existence of God

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **The existence of God**.

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| 48. | (a) | Describe the main points of the teleological argument. | 5 |
| | (b) | Do you think it is reasonable to believe that life and the universe have a designer?
Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 49. | (a) | Explain the cosmological argument. | 5 |
| | (b) | Why do some people reject the cosmological argument? | 5 |
| 50. | | <i>‘Scientists can accept the arguments for God’s existence.’</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part C — The problem of suffering and evil

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **The problem of suffering and evil**.

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| 51. (a) What might people mean by ‘suffering and evil’? | 5 |
| (b) <i>‘Suffering and evil means God can’t exist.’</i>
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 52. Explain one theodicy you have studied. | 5 |
| 53. Why do some people reject the idea of free will? | 5 |
| 54. <i>‘Religion gives a good explanation for suffering and evil.’</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

Part D — Miracles

Attempt all the questions in this part if you have studied **Miracles**.

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| 55. | (a) | What might people understand by divine intervention? | 5 |
| | (b) | Do you think it is reasonable to believe in divine intervention?
Give reasons for your answer. | 4 |
| 56. | (a) | Describe one miracle in nature you have studied. | 5 |
| | (b) | How might science explain ‘miracles in nature’? | 5 |
| 57. | | <i>‘Scriptural miracles should be understood literally.’</i>
How far do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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