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**Religious, Moral and
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9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

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Attempt ONE Part

SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks

Attempt ONE Part

SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 20 marks

Attempt ONE Part

Write your answer 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.

The marks available for each question are indicated. You should use these as a guide to the amount of detail you should include in your answer.

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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Part A — Buddhism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Buddhism** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 1. | Explain why the life of the Buddha is important to Buddhists. | 3 |
| 2. | Explain why Buddhists believe it is helpful to follow the Dhamma. | 5 |
| 3. | (a) Describe two steps of the Noble Eightfold Path. | 4 |
| | (b) “ <i>Following the Noble Eightfold Path is too difficult in today’s society.</i> ”
Would all Buddhists agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part B — Christianity

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Christianity** in the *World Religion* unit.

1. Explain why the teachings in the gospels are important for Christians. 3
2. Explain why Christians believe the Kingdom of God is important. 5
3. (a) Describe **two** ways in which Christians worship. 4
(b) "*Worshipping in church is the best way to show you are a Christian in today's society.*"
Would all Christians agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part C — Hinduism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Hinduism** in the *World Religion* unit.

1. Explain why stories about the gods are important for Hindus. 3

2. Explain why Hindus believe it is helpful to follow dharma. 5

3. (a) Describe what Hindus believe about moksha. 4

(b) “*Bhakti, the path of devotion, is the most practical way for Hindus to achieve moksha.*”
Would all Hindus agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part D — Islam

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Islam** in the *World Religion* unit.

1. Explain why the Qur'an is important to Muslims. 3

2. Explain why Muslims believe they should submit to the will of Allah. 5

3. (a) Describe what Muslims believe about the nature of human beings. 4

(b) "*Representing Allah on earth as his vice-regent is too difficult in today's society.*"
Would all Muslims agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8

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Part E — Judaism

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Judaism** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 1. | Explain why the Torah is important for Jews. | 3 |
| 2. | Explain why Jews believe they should worship God. | 5 |
| 3. | (a) Describe what Jews believe about the Messiah. | 4 |
| | (b) “ <i>Jews should continue to hope for the coming of the Messiah.</i> ” | |
| | Would all Jews 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** in the *World Religion* unit.

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| 1. | Explain why the teachings of the Gurus are important for Sikhs. | 3 |
| 2. | Explain why Sikhs believe they should show respect to the Guru Granth Sahib. | 5 |
| 3. | (a) Describe what Sikhs believe about Gurmukh. | 4 |
| | (b) “ <i>Gurmukh is too difficult in today’s society.</i> ”
Would all Sikhs agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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SECTION 2 — MORALITY AND BELIEF — 20 marks

Part A — Religion and Justice

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion and Justice** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

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| 1. (a) | Explain how religion helps people to make moral decisions. | 3 |
| (b) | Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied. Describe what it says about capital punishment. | 4 |
| (c) | Explain the possible impact of using the death penalty as a form of punishment. | 5 |
| 2. | <i>“The only purpose of punishment should be retribution.”</i>
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part B — Religion and Relationships

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion and Relationships** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

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| 1. | (a) | Explain how religion helps people to make moral decisions. | 3 |
| | (b) | Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied. Describe what it says about gender roles. | 4 |
| | (c) | Explain the possible impact of having different gender roles in society. | 5 |
| 2. | “People should wait until they are married to have sex.” | | |
| | Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | | 8 |

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Part C — Religion, Environment and Global Issues

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion, Environment and Global Issues** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

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| 1. | (a) | Explain how religion helps people to make moral decisions. | 3 |
| | (b) | Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied. Describe what it teaches about respect for the environment. | 4 |
| | (c) | Explain the possible impact of using the earth's natural resources. | 5 |
| 2. | “People in the UK should do more to respond to environmental crises.” | | |
| | Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | | 8 |

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Part D — Religion, Medicine and the Human Body

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion, Medicine and the Human Body** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

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| 1. (a) | Explain how religion helps people to make moral decisions. | 3 |
| (b) | Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied. Describe what it says about the treatment of embryos. | 4 |
| (c) | Explain the possible impact of using embryos for research. | 5 |
| 2. | <i>“Palliative care removes the need for euthanasia.”</i>
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | 8 |

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Part E — Religion and Conflict

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Religion and Conflict** in the *Morality and Belief* unit.

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| 1. | (a) | Explain how religion helps people to make moral decisions. | 3 |
| | (b) | Choose a religious viewpoint you have studied. Describe what it says about the morality of war. | 4 |
| | (c) | Explain the possible impact of war. | 5 |
| 2. | “ <i>It is never right to possess weapons of mass destruction.</i> ” | | |
| | Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. | | 8 |

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SECTION 3 — RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS — 20 marks

Part A— The Origins of Life

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **The Origins of Life** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

1. (a) What evidence does science offer to support the Big Bang Theory? 4
 (b) “*The world is **not** here by chance.*”
 Explain why religious people might agree with this statement. 5
2. (a) Why are creation stories important for religious people? 3
 (b)



Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Arti’s view.

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Part B — The Existence of God

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **The Existence of God** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

1. (a) What reasons might someone have for believing that life was **not** designed? 4
 (b) “*The world must have been designed by God.*”
 Explain why religious people might agree with this statement. 5
2. (a) Why is belief in God important for religious people? 3
 (b)



Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Arti's view.

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Part C — The Problem of Evil and Suffering

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **The Problem of Evil and Suffering** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

1. (a) What reasons might someone have for believing that God is good? 4
 (b) “*Suffering is part of God’s plan.*”
 Explain why religious people might agree with this statement. 5
2. (a) Why is freewill important for religious people? 3
 (b)



Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Arti’s view.

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Part D — Miracles

Answer all the questions in this part if you have studied **Miracles** in the *Religious and Philosophical Questions* Unit.

1. (a) What reasons might someone have for believing that miracles really happen? 4
 (b) “*Miracles should be understood metaphorically.*”
 Explain why religious people might agree with this statement. 5

2. (a) Why are miracles important for religious people? 3
 (b)



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