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Monday 17 June 2024									
Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)					Paper reference		9RS0/02		
Religious Studies Advanced PAPER 2: Religion and Ethics									
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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are **three** sections in this question paper. Answer **all** the questions in each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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2 Assess the claim that the relationship between religion and morality is independent.

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(Total for Question 2 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Read the following passage before answering the questions.

We must, however, not only describe virtue as a state of character, but also say what sort of state it is. We may remark, then, that every virtue or excellence both brings into good condition the thing of which it is the excellence and makes the work of that thing be done well; e.g. the excellence of the eye makes both the eye and its work good; for it is by the excellence of the eye that we see well. Similarly the excellence of the horse makes a horse both good in itself and good at running and at carrying its rider and at awaiting the attack of the enemy. Therefore, if this is true in every case, the virtue of man also will be the state of character which makes a man good and which makes him do his own work well.

Virtue, then, is a state of character concerned with choice, lying in a mean, i.e. the mean relative to us, this being determined by reason, and by that reason by which the man of practical wisdom would determine it. Now it is a mean between two vices, that which depends on excess and that which depends on defect; and again it is a mean because the vices respectively fall short of or exceed what is right in both passions and actions, while virtue both finds and chooses that which is intermediate.

(Source: adapted from Aristotle, *The Nicomachean Ethics*, translated by David Ross (Oxford World's Classics edition, OUP, 1980), Book II, Moral virtue. Edexcel Anthology p.48)

- 3 (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about the approach to morality offered by Virtue Ethics.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the reasons why Virtue Ethics may be considered the most persuasive of ethical theories.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



SECTION C

Write your answer in the space provided.

- 4** Evaluate the view that environmental ethics must take into account the importance of religious teachings about the natural world.

In your response to this question, you must include how developments in Religion and Ethics have been influenced by **one** of the following:

- Philosophy of Religion
- New Testament Studies
- Study of a Religion.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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