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Tuesday 10 June 2025

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **9RS0/01**

Religious Studies

Advanced

PAPER 1: Philosophy of Religion

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

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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1 Explore key ideas about Process theodicy.

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(Total for Question 1 = 8 marks)



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2 Assess the strengths of the Kalam Cosmological Argument for the existence of God.

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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.

Let us call that in which we differ from this lunatic, our respective *bliks*. He [Flew] has an insane *blik* about dons; we have a sane one. It is important to realize that we have a sane one, not no *blik* at all; for there must be two sides to any argument – if he has a wrong *blik*, then those who are right about dons must have a right one. Flew has shown that a *blik* does not consist in an assertion or system of them; but nevertheless it is very important to have the right *blik*.

It was Hume who taught us that our whole commerce with the world depends upon our *blik* about the world; and that differences between *bliks* about the world cannot be settled by observation of what happens in the world. That was why, having performed the interesting experiment of doubting the ordinary man's *blik* about the world, and showing that no proof could be given to make us adopt one *blik* rather than another, he turned to backgammon... It seems, indeed, to be impossible even to formulate as an assertion the normal *blik* about the world... without a *blik* there can be no explanation; for it is by our *bliks* that we decide what is and what is not an explanation.

(Source: extract adapted from *The Philosophy of Religion* edited by Basil Mitchell,
Oxford University Press, 1977, Chapter I, Theology and Falsification:
A Symposium, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3 (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about bliks.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the view that religious language is meaningful if understood correctly.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS



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TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 30 MARKS
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