

GCSE

Religious Studies
(Specification A)

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Unit 7 Philosophy of Religion

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Part B

Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 13 to 20 in the answer booklet.

There are 28 marks for each question.

Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar [SPaG].

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Either**B5 The Problem of Evil**

B5 (a) Explain why the existence of natural evil makes people question the loving nature of God. **[4 marks]**

B5 (b) 'The Free-Will Defence gives a good explanation of why there is evil and suffering in the world.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious ideas in your answer. **[6 marks]**

B5 (c) (i) Explain how the idea of karma accounts for evil in the world. **[4 marks]**

B5 (c) (ii) Explain how religious believers might respond to the suffering of others. **[4 marks]**

B5 (d) 'People who suffer get stronger because of their suffering.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious ideas in your answer. **[6 marks]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

[Total marks for this question: 28 marks]

Do **not** answer Question B6 if you have answered Question B5.

or

B6 The Afterlife

B6 (a) Explain how believing in an afterlife might affect the way a religious believer lives this life. **[4 marks]**

B6 (b) 'The idea of reincarnation helps people to understand this life.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious ideas in your answer. **[6 marks]**

B6 (c) (i) Explain why some people believe in resurrection. **[4 marks]**

B6 (c) (ii) Explain religious beliefs about heaven and paradise. **[4 marks]**

B6 (d) 'Near death experiences show people what life after death is like.'
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious ideas in your answer. **[6 marks]**

[SPaG: 4 marks]

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