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GCSE Religious Studies (Specification A) Religious Studies (Specification A) (Short Course)

Unit 7 Philosophy of Religion

Tuesday 7 June 2016

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an insert containing Part B questions (enclosed).

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **five** questions.
 - Part A Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided in this booklet.
 - Part B Answer **either** Question B5 **or** Question B6. Write your answer to **either** Question B5 **or** Question B6 on pages 13 to 20 in this booklet.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do **not** write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this booklet. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.
- If you use any additional sheets, tie them securely to the back of this booklet.
- Do **not** write on the insert. Any work on the insert will **not** be marked.
- Do **not** place the insert into the answer booklet at the end of the examination.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 76.
- Four of these marks are for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) which will be assessed in Part B. These marks are shown below the mark allocation for Questions B5 and B6.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.



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Part A

Answer **all** questions in this part in the spaces provided.

A1 Revelation and Enlightenment

A1 (a) Which **one** of the following is a type of special revelation?

[1 mark]

Put a tick (✓) in the box next to the correct answer.

Revelation through nature

Revelation through a vision

Revelation through other people

A1 (b) Explain why some people believe that religious revelations are illusions.

[3 marks]



A1 (c)

Explain briefly how one person's religious enlightenment can help other people.

[2 marks]

Question A1 continues on the next page**Turn over ►**

A1 (d)

'Visions and dreams are the best way for people to receive revelations from God.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer.

[6 marks]

Extra space _____



A2 Science and Religion

Look at the image. It represents the Big Bang.



A2 (a) Explain briefly the Big Bang theory of the origin of the universe.

[2 marks]

A2 (b) Explain briefly why many religious believers accept the theory of evolution.

[2 marks]

Question A2 continues on the next page

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A2 (c) 'Religious fundamentalist views on evolution are right.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

[3 marks]

A2 (d) Explain what **one** religious story of creation teaches people about God as Creator of the universe.

[3 marks]



A2 (e)

'For religious believers, human beings are special.'

What do you think? Explain your opinion.

[3 marks]

Turn over for the next question



A3 The Existence of God**A3 (a)** Explain briefly what is meant by the term 'agnostic'.**[2 marks]**

A3 (b) Explain why it is difficult to prove that God exists.**[3 marks]**



A3 (c)

'The Design (Teleological) argument proves that God exists.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer.

[6 marks]

Extra space _____

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A4 The Characteristics of God

Look at the photograph. It shows statues of Hindu gods.



A4 (a) Explain why some people believe that God has many forms.

[3 marks]



A4 (b)

Explain why some religious believers use only words like 'ruler', rather than words like 'King', when speaking about God.

[3 marks]

Question A4 continues on the next page

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A4 (c)

‘‘Transcendent’’ is the best word to describe God.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer.

[6 marks]

Extra space _____



Part B

Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6**, which are printed on the insert.

Write your answer to the question you have chosen on **pages 13 to 20**.

Write the number of the question you have chosen in the box below, e.g. **B5**.

Write the question number at the start of each part of your answer, e.g. **B5(a)**.

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