

# A-level

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

### Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

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Specimen 2018

Morning

Time allowed: 3 hours

#### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book

#### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer:
  - **both** two-part questions from Section A
  - **both** two-part questions from Section B
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

#### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- In each two-part question in Sections A and B, the first part tests your knowledge and understanding, while the second part tests your skills of analysis and evaluation.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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**Section A: Philosophy of Religion**

Answer **both** questions in this section.  
Each question has two parts.

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**Question 01**

**0 1** . **1** Examine how faith in God may be challenged by natural and moral evil. **[10 marks]**

and

**0 1** . **2** 'The freewill defence is inadequate as a theodicy.'  
Evaluate this claim. **[15 marks]**

**Question 02**

**0 2** . **1** Examine how the meaningfulness of religious language has been challenged. **[10 marks]**

and

**0 2** . **2** 'Language game theory shows that religious language is meaningful.'  
Evaluate this claim. **[15 marks]**

**Turn over for Section B**

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**Section B: Ethics**

Answer **both** questions in this section.  
Each question has two parts.

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**Question 03**

**0 3** . **1** Examine the differences between a deontological and a teleological approach to **religious** ethical decision-making. Illustrate your answer with reference to lying.

**[10 marks]**

and

**0 3** . **2** 'A deontological system of ethical decision-making is unsatisfactory.'

Evaluate this claim.

**[15 marks]**

**Question 04**

**0 4** . **1** Examine differing views about the use of conscience as a guide to moral decision-making.

**[10 marks]**

and

**0 4** . **2** 'Virtue Ethics has no satisfactory answer to the ethical problems of embryo research.'

Evaluate this claim.

**[15 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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