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Religious Studies

Advanced

Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion

Tuesday 5 June 2018 – Morning

Time: 2 hours

Paper Reference

9RS0/01

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.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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2 Assess the view that scientific cosmologies are incompatible with religious beliefs about creation.

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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.

Copleston: Well, perhaps I might say a word about religious experience. I don't regard religious experience as a strict proof of the existence of God, so the character of the discussion changes somewhat, but I think it's true to say that the best explanation of it is the existence of God. By religious experience I don't mean simply feeling good. I mean a loving, but unclear, awareness of some object which irresistibly seems to the experiencer as something transcending the self, something transcending all the normal objects of experience, something which cannot be pictured or conceptualized, but of the reality of which doubt is impossible – at least during the experience. I should claim that cannot be explained adequately and without residue, simply subjectively. The actual basic experience at any rate is most easily explained on the hypotheses that there is actually some objective cause of that experience.

(Source: Extract adapted from 'A Debate on the Existence of God – A Debate between Bertrand Russell and Father Frederick', Copleston, F. C., BBC Radio, 1948, Edexcel Anthology)

- 3 (a) Clarify the ideas illustrated in this passage about the nature of religious experience.

You must refer to the passage in your response.

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(b) Analyse the view that the argument for the existence of God based on religious experience fails to prove the existence of God.

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