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Religious Studies 40554 (Specification B) Religious Studies (Specification B) (Short Course)

Unit 4 Religious Philosophy and Ultimate Questions

Thursday 9 June 2011 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16 page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is 40554.
- Answer **four** questions.
- Each question has **five** parts.
- 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 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Answer **four** questions.

There are 18 marks for each question.

Each question has **five** parts. Answer **all** five parts of each question chosen.

Question 1

The Existence of God

Look at the drawings below and read the words in the speech bubbles.



- 0 1** Explain the argument from morality for God's existence. (3 marks)
- 0 2** Give **two** reasons why some people disagree with the argument from morality. (2 marks)
- 0 3** 'God must exist because so many people have experienced God.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 4** Explain why some people do not believe in God. (4 marks)
- 0 5** 'God is the First Cause of the universe.'
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)

Question 2**Revelation**

Look at the photograph below which shows a child praying.



- 0 6** Explain briefly how praying might help someone to know God. (2 marks)
- 0 7** Explain the difference between general and special revelation. (3 marks)
- 0 8** 'There are too many religions for all their revelations to be true.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 0 9** Describe a special revelation found in religious scriptures. (4 marks)
- 1 0** 'All revelations are illusions.'
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)

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Question 3

The Problems of Evil and Suffering

Look at the diagram below which shows different ideas about evil.



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| 1 | 1 | Explain briefly what is meant by saying evil is a psychological phenomenon. | (2 marks) |
| 1 | 2 | Explain religious teachings about the origins of evil. | (4 marks) |
| 1 | 3 | ‘Blaming a personal being (devil) for evil is just an excuse.’

What do you think? Explain your opinion. | (3 marks) |
| 1 | 4 | Explain how religious believers might help people who are suffering. | (3 marks) |
| 1 | 5 | ‘Suffering is part of God’s plan.’

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) |

Question 4

Immortality

Look at the photograph below which shows a statue of William Shakespeare and read the words in the box.



**William Shakespeare
has left the world a
legacy.**

- 1 6** Explain briefly what is meant by a legacy. (2 marks)
- 1 7** 'A legacy does not make someone immortal.'
What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 1 8** Explain the evidence some people give for believing in the afterlife (life after death). (4 marks)
- 1 9** Explain what is meant by dualism. You may use examples in your answer. (3 marks)
- 2 0** 'There is no such thing as a soul.'
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)

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Question 5

Miracles

Look at the photographs below and read the words in the boxes.



Many people believe that a statue of Ganesha drank milk.



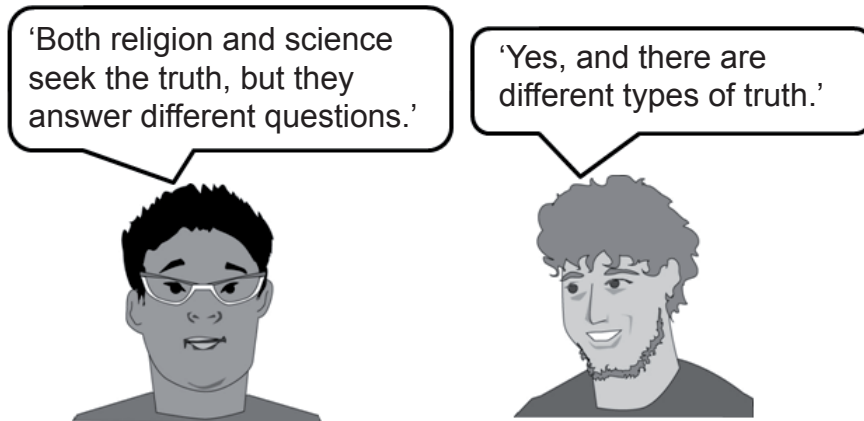
Many people believe that this statue of Mary, the mother of Jesus, weeps tears of blood.

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| 2 | 1 | <p>Explain briefly why some people might say that events like those given above are not miracles. (2 marks)</p> | |
| 2 | 2 | <p>Explain why many religious people believe that miracles do happen. (3 marks)</p> | |
| 2 | 3 | <p>'It is not important for religious people to believe in miracles.'</p> <p>What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)</p> | |
| 2 | 4 | <p>Explain why David Hume thought that miracles were impossible. (4 marks)</p> | |
| 2 | 5 | <p>'Miracles make God seem unfair.'</p> <p>Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. (6 marks)</p> | |

Question 6

Science and Religion

Look at the drawings below and read the words in the speech bubbles.



- 2 | 6** Explain briefly why some people say that science and religion answer different questions. (2 marks)
- 2 | 7** Explain the difference between 'absolute truth' and 'evolving, changing truth'. You may use examples in your answer. (3 marks)
- 2 | 8** 'Religion and science will never agree.'
- What do you think? Explain your opinion. (3 marks)
- 2 | 9** Explain why Darwin's theory of evolution challenged religious belief. (4 marks)
- 3 | 0** 'There is no place for religious creation stories in the modern world.'
- Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. (6 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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