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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Specimen 2017

Morning

Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- Answer **all** questions.
- The paper reference is 7061/1
- 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 120.
- In each question 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.

Section A: Philosophy of Religion

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

Question 01

0 1 . **1** Explain the differing approaches to proving that God exists taken by the cosmological and ontological arguments.

[15 marks]

and

0 1 . **2** 'Philosophical arguments for the existence of God have no value for religious faith.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 02

0 2 . **1** Explain religious views about the nature of the following type of religious experience: visions.

[15 marks]

and

0 2 . **2** 'Science makes it unreasonable to believe that visions are a form of religious experience.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Section B: Ethics

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

Question 03

0 3 . **1** Explain why followers of Natural Moral Law may reach different conclusions about the issue of theft.

[15 marks]

and

0 3 . **2** 'Natural Law is not an effective way of making moral decisions.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 04

0 4 . **1** Explain how Situation Ethics might be applied to the ethical issues surrounding embryo research.

[15 marks]

and

0 4 . **2** 'Situation Ethics does not provide decision-makers with effective guidance about capital punishment.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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