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NATIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS
2009

MONDAY, 1 JUNE
1.00 PM – 3.00 PM

RELIGIOUS, MORAL
AND PHILOSOPHICAL
STUDIES
ADVANCED HIGHER

Candidates should answer **two** questions:

one from Section A—Philosophy of Religion, and

one from the Optional units, either Section B—Religious Experience or
Section C—Bioethics.

Each **section** should be answered in a **separate** answer booklet.

30 marks are assigned to each question.



SECTION A

Philosophy of Religion

1. “The Cosmological Argument for the existence of God is flawed.”
Assess the validity of this statement. **(30)**

2. How far can the Design Argument establish the existence of God? **(30)**

3. Evaluate the claim that without belief in God there is no foundation for morality. **(30)**

SECTION B

Religious Experience

1. “Religious experience cannot be analysed.”
To what extent do you agree? **(30)**

2. “How religious experiences are interpreted depends on the culture, ideas and language of their particular time and place.”
Discuss. **(30)**

3. “Secular perspectives on religious experience cannot determine whether they can be explained in non religious ways.”
How far do you agree? **(30)**

SECTION C

Bioethics

1. “If embryo research helps to save lives, all objections to it should be dismissed.”
Would you agree? **(30)**

2. “Every year 5000 people die waiting for organs. Something needs to be done about this.”
Consider the religious and moral implications raised by this statement. **(30)**

3. “Morally, it is worse to prolong a patient’s life unnecessarily than to administer euthanasia.”
Discuss. **(30)**

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