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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. Can the arguments for the First Cause establish the existence of God? **(30)**

2. In what ways does modern science support or undermine the design argument for the existence of God? **(30)**

3. “If you want to know what you **ought** to do, you must find out what God wants you to do.”
Discuss. **(30)**

SECTION B

Religious Experience

1. Given its unpredictable nature, can religious experience be studied? **(30)**

2. “Not all religious people have religious experiences, not all religious experiences happen to religious people.”
Discuss. **(30)**

3. “Interpretations of religious experience based upon secular perspectives are flawed.”
Evaluate this claim. **(30)**

SECTION C

Marks

Bioethics

1. “Genetic screening is now used to screen for some hereditary conditions in human beings. Research is ongoing in the use of gene therapy in the attempt to correct some of these conditions.”

Why does this kind of research raise religious and moral issues? **(30)**

2. “There are two central questions when considering organ transplants: how organs are obtained, and who receives them.”

Explore the religious and moral issues raised by these two questions. **(30)**

3. “Relief of suffering is more important than prolonging life.”

Would religious believers find this statement morally acceptable? **(30)**

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