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NATIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS
2008

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY
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. Discuss the view that God caused the Big Bang. **(30)**
2. How persuasive are the arguments from design? **(30)**
3. "Morality exists, therefore God exists."
Evaluate this claim. **(30)**

SECTION B**Religious Experience**

1. "The study of religious experience has never adequately examined its nature."
Discuss the accuracy of this statement. **(30)**
2. "Many people who have undergone religious experiences have regarded them as life changes. These have been very significant in the development and growth of all religions."
Assess the evidence for this view. **(30)**
3. How credible are psychological and sociological explanations for religious experiences? **(30)**

SECTION C**Bioethics**

1. "All requests for IVF treatment should be granted."
Assess the religious and ethical concerns arising from this statement. **(30)**
2. "Since organ transplants save lives, any religious or ethical concerns are of little importance."
Examine the implications of this statement. **(30)**
3. "I will neither give a deadly drug to anyone who asked for it, nor will I make a suggestion to this effect."
[Adapted from the *Hippocratic Oath*]
Why would there be a disagreement over this statement in religious and ethical thought? **(30)**

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