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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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