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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paper 1 Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Friday 16 May 2025

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. The **Paper Reference** is 7061/1.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work 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 1

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1

Explain the approach to proving the existence of God taken by Anselm's ontological argument.

[15 marks]

and

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2

'The problem of evil successfully challenges belief in God.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Question 2

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Explain the nature of numinous experiences with reference to Otto.

[15 marks]

and

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2

'Challenges to religious experience from science undermine religious belief.'

Assess this view.

[15 marks]

Section B: Ethics

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

Question 3

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 Explain how Situation Ethics influences moral decision making. **[15 marks]**

and

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 'Situation Ethics does not allow the use of animals as a source of organs for transplants.'

Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

Question 4

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 Explain why Natural Moral Law and Virtue Ethics might reach different conclusions about abortion. **[15 marks]**

and

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2

 'Animals should not be used for food.'

Assess this view. **[15 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS

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