

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
RELIGIOUS STUDIES B
(PHILOSOPHY AND/OR APPLIED ETHICS)

B602

Philosophy 2 (Good and Evil, Revelation, Science)

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 8 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Tuesday 17 May 2011
Afternoon

Duration: 1 hour



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Any additional paper used must be securely fastened to the answer booklet.
- Answer **TWO** questions.
 - You must answer your two questions from **different** Sections.
 - Section A – Good and Evil
 - Section B – Religion, Reason and Revelation
 - Section C – Religion and Science
 - You must answer all parts (a–e) of the questions that you choose.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed in parts (d) and (e) of all questions.
- This document consists of **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A: Good and Evil

If you choose one question from this section you must answer all parts (a–e) of the question.

1 Buddhism

- (a) What does ‘immoral’ mean? [1]
- (b) Describe **one** way in which Buddhists might try to cope with suffering. [2]
- (c) How does kamma explain why there is evil in the world? [3]
- (d) Explain why Buddhists might feel it is important to behave morally. [6]
- (e) “There is no such thing as evil.”

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

2 Christianity

- (a) What does ‘immoral’ mean? [1]
- (b) Describe **one** way in which Christians might try to cope with suffering. [2]
- (c) How does the idea of free will explain why there is evil in the world? [3]
- (d) Explain why Christians might feel it is important to behave morally. [6]
- (e) “There is no such thing as evil.”

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

3 Hinduism

- (a) What does ‘immoral’ mean? [1]
- (b) Describe **one** way in which Hindus might try to cope with suffering. [2]
- (c) How does karma explain why there is evil in the world? [3]
- (d) Explain why Hindus might feel it is important to behave morally. [6]
- (e) “There is no such thing as evil.”

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

4 Islam

- (a) What does 'immoral' mean? [1]
- (b) Describe **one** way in which Muslims might try to cope with suffering. [2]
- (c) How does the idea of free will explain why there is evil in the world? [3]
- (d) Explain why Muslims might feel it is important to behave morally. [6]
- (e) "There is no such thing as evil."

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

5 Judaism

- (a) What does 'immoral' mean? [1]
- (b) Describe **one** way in which Jews might try to cope with suffering. [2]
- (c) How does the idea of free will explain why there is evil in the world? [3]
- (d) Explain why Jews might feel that it is important to behave morally. [6]
- (e) "There is no such thing as evil."

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

6 Sikhism

- (a) What does 'immoral' mean? [1]
- (b) Describe **one** way in which Sikhs might try to cope with suffering. [2]
- (c) How does the idea of free will explain why there is evil in the world? [3]
- (d) Explain why Sikhs might feel that it is important to behave morally. [6]
- (e) "There is no such thing as evil."

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

Section B: Religion, Reason and Revelation

If you choose one question from this section you must answer all parts (a–e) of the question.

7 Buddhism

- (a) What does 'Buddha' mean? [1]
- (b) Give **two** ways in which Buddhists might seek a revelation. [2]
- (c) Describe what Buddhists mean by enlightenment. [3]
- (d) Explain why the Buddha is important for Buddhists. [6]
- (e) "People who believe they have had religious experiences are fooling themselves."

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

8 Christianity

- (a) Who is regarded as the Messiah by Christians? [1]
- (b) Give **two** ways in which Christians might seek a revelation from God. [2]
- (c) Describe what Christians mean by mystical experience. [3]
- (d) Explain why the Messiah is important for Christians. [6]
- (e) "People who believe they have had religious experiences are fooling themselves."

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

9 Hinduism

- (a) What does 'guru' mean? [1]
- (b) Give **two** ways in which Hindus might seek a revelation from the gods. [2]
- (c) Describe what Hindus mean by mystical experience. [3]
- (d) Explain why the Bhagavad Gita is important to Hindus. [6]
- (e) "People who believe they have had religious experiences are fooling themselves."

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

10 Islam

- (a) What does 'prophet' mean? [1]
- (b) Give **two** ways in which Muslims might seek a revelation from Allah. [2]
- (c) Describe what Muslims mean by mystical experience. [3]
- (d) Explain why Muhammad ﷺ is important for Muslims. [6]
- (e) "People who have religious experiences are fooling themselves."

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

11 Judaism

- (a) What does 'prophet' mean? [1]
- (b) Give **two** ways in which Jews might seek a revelation from G-d. [2]
- (c) Describe what Jews mean by mystical experience. [3]
- (d) Explain why Moses is important for Jews. [6]
- (e) "People who believe they have had religious experiences are fooling themselves."

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

12 Sikhism

- (a) What does 'guru' mean? [1]
- (b) Give **two** ways in which Sikhs might seek a revelation from Waheguru. [2]
- (c) Describe what Sikhs mean by mystical experience. [3]
- (d) Explain why Guru Nanak Dev Ji is important for Sikhs. [6]
- (e) "People who believe they have had religious experiences are fooling themselves."

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer. [12]

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Section C: Religion and Science

If you choose one question from this section you must answer all parts (a–e) of the question.

13 Buddhism

- (a) What is meant by ‘environmental problems’? [1]
- (b) Give **two** reasons that Buddhists could use to support medical testing on animals. [2]
- (c) Why might Buddhists accept the theory that human beings evolved from apes? [3]
- (d) Explain what Buddhists believe about the role of humanity in the world. [6]
- (e) “If humanity is here by chance then my life has no purpose.”

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer. [12]

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14 Christianity

- (a) What is meant by ‘environmental problems’? [1]
- (b) Give **two** reasons that Christians could use to support medical testing on animals. [2]
- (c) Why might Christians reject the theory that human beings evolved from apes? [3]
- (d) Explain what Christians believe about the role of humanity in the world. [6]
- (e) “If humanity is here by chance then my life has no purpose.”

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- (c) Why might Hindus accept the theory that human beings evolved from apes? [3]
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- (e) “If humanity is here by chance then my life has no purpose.”

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [12]

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16 Islam

- (a) What is meant by ‘environmental problems’? [1]
- (b) Give **two** reasons that Muslims could use to support medical testing on animals. [2]
- (c) Why might Muslims reject the theory that human beings evolved from apes? [3]
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- (e) “If humanity is here by chance then my life has no purpose.”

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- (a) What is meant by ‘environmental problems’? [1]
- (b) Give **two** reasons that Jews could use to support medical testing on animals. [2]
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- (e) “If humanity is here by chance then my life has no purpose.”

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [12]

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18 Sikhism

- (a) What is meant by ‘environmental problems’? [1]
- (b) Give **two** reasons that Sikhs could use to support medical testing on animals. [2]
- (c) Why might Sikhs accept the theory that human beings evolved from apes? [3]
- (d) Explain what Sikhs believe about the role of humanity in the world. [6]
- (e) “If humanity is here by chance then my life has no purpose.”

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