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School

EXAMINATION PAPER
Academic Scholarship 2022

Theology, Philosophy and Religion

Time allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Name: _____

Instructions

- Dictionaries are not allowed.
- Write your answers on lined paper and put your name at the top of each sheet that you use.
- Answer **ALL** the questions in **Section A**. Choose **TWO** questions from **Section B**. You should split your time equally between the two sections.
- The maximum number of marks for this paper is 40.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION [20 marks]

Read the following two quotations, and answer the questions that follow:

<p><i>God is a being who has a purpose in creation, and who gives human beings a part to play in realizing that purpose. The purpose of God is that societies made up of limited personal beings should grow in knowledge and understanding, in cooperation and empathy with one another, and in the creation and appreciation of the beauty and intricate structure of the world. This is a growth towards a greater conscious appreciation of love, beauty and truth'</i></p> <p>Professor Keith Ward</p>	<p><i>The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal*, genocidal**, filicidal***, evil bully.</i></p> <p>Professor Richard Dawkins</p> <p>*one who kills an infant ** one who kills a nation or ethnic group *** one who kills their own child</p>
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1. Describe biblical evidence that Professor Dawkins could refer to, that he could use to illustrate his definition of God. [6 marks]
2. In your own words, although with reference to the text, explain Professor Ward's definition of God. [7 marks]
3. "Professor Ward's understanding of God is much more accurate than that of Professor Dawkins". Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. [7 marks]

SECTION B – WRITE TWO ESSAYS [10 marks each]

Choose 2 questions from the following choice of 4:

1. Religious Texts

Explain why you think Jesus performed miracles. You should refer to two examples in your answer. [10 marks]

2. Religion in the modern world

“Religion does more harm than good”. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered more than one point of view. [10 marks]

3. Worship

With reference to a religion you have studied, describe and explain what happens during one of their major festivals (for example, Easter, Yom Kippur, Eid, Diwali, or any other).

[10 marks]

4. Ethics

‘Capital punishment has no place in a civilized society’ Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered more than one point of view. [10 marks]

Section A: 20 marks

Section B: 20 marks (10 marks for each of the two essay questions)

Total: 40 marks