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PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Please read this information before the examination starts:

- Answer **ONE** question from Section A (page 2) and **ONE** from Section B (page 5).
- Each question is 25 marks.
- You have one hour.

SECTION A

Answer **ONE** question from Section A [25 marks]

1. 'Human beings act as they do because of their genes, their environment and their experiences. This means that they have no free will, and cannot be held responsible for their actions'. Discuss this philosophical idea, including different points of view in your response.

2. 'Humans are selfish by nature.' Discuss this statement, including different points of view in your response.

3. 'The purpose of human life is to be altruistic'. Discuss this statement, including different points of view in your response.

(Altruism is selfless concern for the well-being of other people)

SECTION B

Answer **ONE** question from Section B [25 marks]

- 1. A television series once described religion as, ‘the root of all evil’. Do you agree with this idea? Include different points of view in your response.

- 2. Explain a noteworthy religious story. Why do some people regard this story as significant? Do you think its message is wholly positive? Justify your answer.

- 3. ‘In our scientific world, there is no reason to believe that God/gods exist.’ Discuss this statement, including different points of view in your response.

END OF QUESTION PAPER



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