

**A Level Religious Studies
Answer sheet**

Well done for completing your first piece of Religious Studies work. Check your answers with the suggested responses below.

**Activity 1** - Arguments for the existence of God

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| **Technical terms** | **Definition** |
| A posteriori | *Depending upon or being justified by reference to sensory experience.* |
| A priori | *Independent of sensory experience; determined by reason alone.* |
| Analogy | *Similarity in several respects between discrete cases.* |
| Anthropomorphism | *Attribution of human characteristics to non-human things. Thus, an anthropomorphic religion treats god as a personal being.* |
| Deduction | *In a deductive argument, the truth of the premises is supposed to guarantee the truth of the conclusion.* |
| Empirical | *Based on use of the senses, observation or experience generally.* |
| Fallacy | *A mistake in reasoning; an argument that fails to provide adequate logical support for the truth of its conclusion yet appears convincing or persuasive in some other way.* |
| Fideism | *Belief that religious doctrines rest exclusively on faith, instead of on reason.* |
| Induction | *In an inductive argument, the truth of the premises merely makes it probable that the conclusion is true.* |
| Premise | *A statement whose truth is used to infer that of others.* |

**Activity 2 -** The Problem of Evil and Suffering

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| **Moral Evil** | *Any morally negative event caused by the intentional action or inaction of an agent.* |
| **Natural Evil** | *Any morally negative event for which is chiefly derived from the operation of the laws of nature.* |

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|  | **Moral Evil** | **Natural Evil** |
| 1 | *Genocide e.g., the Holocaust which led to the deaths of 6m Jews and 3m ‘undesirables’.* | *Earthquakes e.g. The 1883 eruption of Krakatoa led to an earthquake which killed 36,000.* |
| 2 | *Murder e.g., the crimes of ‘Jack the Ripper’ which led to at least five deaths.*  | *Tsunamis e.g. The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami which led to 227,898 deaths.* |
| 3 | *Theft e.g. The Brink’s Mat robbery (1983) which involved the theft of £26m of gold.* | *Famine e.g. The Ethiopian famine of 1983-85 which led to 1.2m deaths.* |