



# MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

## 16+ Entrance Exam: **Theology**

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Name: .....

Current school: .....

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- Answer **both** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 25.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question. The recommendation is to spend 15 minutes on question 1 and 25 minutes on question 2, leaving a few minutes to read through your answers.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Write your answers neatly and in good English.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

**Total**      \_\_\_\_\_ /25      \_\_\_\_\_ %

1. Read the following extract and then write a brief answer to the task that follows:

“There is a great difference between the mind [soul] and the body, inasmuch as the body is by its very nature always divisible, while the mind is utterly indivisible. For when I consider the mind, or myself in so far as I am merely a thinking thing, I am unable to distinguish any parts within myself; I understand myself to be something quite single and complete....By contrast, there is no corporeal or extended thing that I can think of which in my thought I cannot easily divide into parts; and this very fact makes me understand that it is divisible. This one argument would be enough to show me that the mind is completely different from the body.”  
[Rene Descartes, “The indivisibility argument”]

(a) Explain why Descartes thinks that the soul is separate from the body.  
[5 marks]

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(b) How might somebody argue back against what Descartes says in this passage?  
[5 marks]

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[illegible]

2. 'If there was no religion, humans would wage wars anyway using other excuses, so religion isn't a major cause of violence in the world.' [20 marks]

In your answer, you should set out your point of view, provide reasons to believe it, and address objections or other perspectives before drawing an overall conclusion.

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