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Religious Studies

**Unit 1: Religion and life based on a study of
Christianity and at least one other religion**

Monday 11 May 2015 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

5RS01/01

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION 1 – BELIEVING IN GOD

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.

EITHER

- 1** (a) What does **natural evil** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think that everyone should have a religious upbringing?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how religious experiences may lead people to believe in God. (8)
- (d) "Suffering proves God does not exist."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)

OR

- 2** (a) What is **prayer**? (2)
- (b) Do you think God designed the world?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how television programmes and/or radio programmes and/or films might affect a person's belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Miracles cannot happen today."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)



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SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 3** (a) What does **voluntary euthanasia** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think all religious people should be against abortion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why most Christians do not agree with euthanasia. (8)
- (d) "Everyone should believe in life after death."
In your answer you should refer to **one religion other than Christianity**.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4** (a) What is **reincarnation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the media should be allowed to criticise what religions say about matters of life and death?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain how Christian beliefs about life after death affect the way they live. (8)
- (d) "Abortion should always be allowed."
In your answer you should refer to **one religion other than Christianity**.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What is meant by a **re-constituted family**? (2)
- (b) Do you think sex outside marriage is acceptable?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Choose **one religion other than Christianity** and explain why some of its followers accept divorce. (8)
- (d) "It is wrong to use contraception."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6 (a) What is meant by **re-marriage**? (2)
- (b) Do you think attitudes towards homosexuality have changed?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Choose **one religion other than Christianity** and explain why some of its followers do not agree with the use of contraception. (8)
- (d) "Divorce is bad for family life."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 7** (a) What is meant by **religious freedom**? (2)
- (b) Do you think men and women should have equal rights in religion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Christians help to promote racial harmony. (8)
- (d) "All religious people should try to convert others to their religion."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8** (a) What is meant by **prejudice**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that living in a multi-ethnic society reduces racism?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why interfaith marriages could cause problems for religious people. (8)
- (d) "The government needs to do more to encourage community cohesion."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)



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