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Religious Studies

**Unit 8: Religion and society based on a study
of Christianity and at least one other
religion**

Wednesday 18 May 2016 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

5RS08/01

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 – RELIGION: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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 is meant by **electoral processes**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should live according to the teaching of the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why the conscience may be important when making moral decisions. (8)
- (d) "Human rights are important in society today."
In your answer you should refer to Christianity.
- (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 the **Golden Rule**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should agree with genetic engineering?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why everybody should vote in elections. (8)
- (d) "All Christians should use a variety of authorities to make moral decisions."
In your answer you should refer to Christianity.
- (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)
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SECTION 2 – RELIGION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL ISSUES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

- 3** (a) What does **creation** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think a shortage of natural resources causes problems for the world?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why transplant surgery is important. (8)
- (d) "Looking after the environment is the most important thing religious people should do."
In your answer you should refer to at least **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) Give two examples of how people can help with **conservation**. (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should agree with infertility treatment?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain Christian teachings on stewardship. (8)
- (d) "Humans can solve the problem of global warming."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
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SECTION 3 – RELIGION: PEACE AND CONFLICT

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What does **aggression** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious organisations can prevent wars?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why religion can cause conflict in religious families. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should not fight in wars."
In your answer you should refer to at least **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 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6 (a) What does **world peace** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think it is possible to fight a war in the "right way"?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why Christians believe bullying is wrong. (8)
- (d) "It is always possible to forgive."
In your answer you should refer to at least **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)

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SECTION 4 – RELIGION: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 7** (a) What does **deterrence** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should ever break the law?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why its followers work for justice in the world today. (8)
- (d) "Illegal drugs are bad for society."
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 does **judgment** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think prison changes criminals?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why some of its followers agree with capital punishment and some do not. (8)
- (d) "It should be against the law to drink alcohol."
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)

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