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Edexcel GCSE

Religious Studies

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

Friday 17 May 2013 – Morning

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.*
- Questions in Section 1 are where your spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed. The total mark for spelling, punctuation and grammar will be 4.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- 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 the **Bible**? (2)
- (b) Do you think people should be forced to vote?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians agree with genetic engineering. (8)
- (d) "Christians should always follow the teaching of the Church."
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 meant by **Situation Ethics**? (2)
- (b) Do you think a person's conscience comes from God?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians use only the Bible when making moral decisions. (8)
- (d) "Christians should support all human rights."
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 2 = 24 marks)



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Question 2 ☒

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SECTION 2 – RELIGION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL ISSUES

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

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- 3** (a) What does **conservation** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think transplant surgery is a good idea?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how humans cause pollution. (8)
- (d) "Infertility treatment should be available to everybody."
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 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4** (a) What is the **environment**? (2)
- (b) Do you think humans are the stewards of the planet?
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 infertility treatment. (8)
- (d) "People must use scarce natural resources for the world to improve."
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 4 = 20 marks)



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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 is **world peace**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious people do enough to stop bullying?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some Christians will not fight in wars. (8)
- (d) "Some things are unforgivable."
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 **forgiveness**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religion causes conflict in families?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain how the United Nations works for world peace. (8)
- (d) "If everyone believed in the same religion there would be no war."
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: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

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

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- 7** (a) What does **capital punishment** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think it is important to reform criminals?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians allow the drinking of alcohol. (8)
- (d) "The law should never be broken."
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 **reform** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think drug use is a problem in society?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why society needs laws. (8)
- (d) "No religious person should support capital punishment."
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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