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Religious Studies

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

Wednesday 13 May 2015 – 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 the **Decalogue**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should support human rights?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians use Situation Ethics when making a moral decision and some do not. (8)
- (d) "Voting is a waste of time."
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 a **political party**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should use the teaching of the Church when making a moral decision?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how genetic engineering can be used to help people. (8)
- (d) "It is impossible to follow the Golden Rule in every situation."
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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SECTION 2 – RELIGION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL ISSUES

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

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- 3** (a) What is **artificial insemination**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious people should donate their organs when they die?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain how people can reduce global warming. (8)
- (d) "There will always be natural resources to use."
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 stewardship is an important religious teaching for the world today?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why infertility treatment is important to childless couples. (8)
- (d) "People can solve the problem of pollution."
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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SECTION 3 – RELIGION: PEACE AND CONFLICT

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

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- 5 (a) What is meant by **weapons of mass destruction**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious people should fight in wars?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why its followers are against bullying. (8)
- (d) "Religious organisations cannot prevent wars."
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 does **respect** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think the United Nations has made the world more peaceful?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why forgiveness and reconciliation are important for Christians. (8)
- (d) "It is impossible to have a just 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)

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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 **crime** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think non-religious people should support capital punishment?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why there are laws to control the use of drugs. (8)
- (d) "All criminals should be rehabilitated."
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 religious people should drink alcohol?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians agree with capital punishment. (8)
- (d) "It is always a sin to break the law ."
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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