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Religious Studies

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

Thursday 15 May 2014 – 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.
- 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 are **democratic processes**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the Bible helps people make moral decisions?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why human rights are important in the UK. (8)
- (d) "A person's conscience comes from God."
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 **Decalogue**? (2)
- (b) Do you think everyone should follow the Golden Rule?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians do not agree with genetic engineering. (8)
- (d) "All Christians should use Situation Ethics 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)
(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)



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Chosen question number: **Question 1**

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 is an **embryo**? (2)
- (b) Do you think infertility treatment should be available to everyone?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how the scarcity of natural resources threatens the planet. (8)
- (d) "Religious people are the best hope for the environment."
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 **surrogacy**? (2)
- (b) Do you think humans have caused global warming?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians do not agree with transplant surgery. (8)
- (d) "It is impossible to stop polluting the environment."
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 does **exploitation** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious organisations do enough to promote world peace?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the just war theory is important. (8)
- (d) "Bullies should be forgiven not punished."
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 **conflict resolution**? (2)
- (b) Do you think some actions are unforgivable?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why some of its followers are against war and some are not. (8)
- (d) "There will always be conflict in religious families."
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 is meant by **sin**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the laws on drugs should be changed?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some people believe retribution is the best theory of punishment and some do not. (8)
- (d) "Capital punishment is always wrong."
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 **responsibility**? (2)
- (b) Do you think society needs laws?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how alcohol and drug use can cause social problems. (8)
- (d) "Religious people care more about justice than anyone else."
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 8 = 20 marks)



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