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Religious Studies

Unit 2: Religion and life based on a study of Christianity

Monday 12 May 2014 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

5RS02/01

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 – 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) Give **two** examples of **natural evil**. (2)
- (b) Do you think a religious upbringing leads to belief in God?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how Christians respond to the scientific explanations of the origins of the world. (8)
- (d) "Religious experiences prove that God exists."
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 does **conversion** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think a numinous experience leads to belief in God?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why unanswered prayers may lead some people to reject belief in God. (8)
- (d) "God caused the world to exist."
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)



Indicate which question you are answering by marking the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

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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 is meant by a **near-death experience**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should agree with abortion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some people do not believe in life after death. (8)
- (d) "The media is not fair to religious people when covering matters of life and death."
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 Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4** (a) What is meant by **non-voluntary euthanasia**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should agree with euthanasia?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain what the British law says about abortion. (8)
- (d) "Beliefs about life after death affect the way a person lives their life."
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 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 **cohabitation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Christians should accept sex outside marriage?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain how an issue arising from this section 'Marriage and the family' was presented in the media. (8)
- (d) "The purpose of marriage is to have children."
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 Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6** (a) What is meant by **contraception**? (2)
- (b) Do you think marriage is a lifelong commitment?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain how attitudes to family life have changed in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Pre-marital sex is always wrong."
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 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 **racial harmony**? (2)
- (b) Do you think problems are caused because society is multi-ethnic?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain the benefits of living in a multi-faith society. (8)
- (d) "Churches should support people seeking asylum."
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 Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8 (a) What is meant by **religious pluralism**? (2)
- (b) Do you think women should have different religious rights to men in Christianity?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how interfaith marriages might cause problems for families. (8)
- (d) "Government laws lead to community cohesion."
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)

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