**Religious Studies**

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

Monday 12 May 2014 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

**You do not need any other materials.**

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**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.
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 ☐.

Chosen question number:  Question 1 ☐  Question 2 ☐

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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**?

(b) Do you think Christians should agree with abortion? 
   Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

*(c) Explain why some people do not believe in life after death.

(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.

   (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

4 (a) What is meant by **non-voluntary euthanasia**?

(b) Do you think Christians should agree with euthanasia? 
   Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

*(c) Explain what the British law says about abortion.

(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.

   (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(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**?  

(b) Do you think problems are caused because society is multi-ethnic? 
Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

*(c) Explain the benefits of living in a multi-faith society.

(d) “Churches should support people seeking asylum.”
    In your answer you should refer to Christianity.
    (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

8  (a) What is meant by **religious pluralism**?

(b) Do you think women should have different religious rights to men in Christianity? 
Give **two** reasons for your point of view.

*(c) Explain how interfaith marriages might cause problems for families.

(d) “Government laws lead to community cohesion.”
    In your answer you should refer to Christianity.
    (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you.

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)
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