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# GCSE (9–1) Religious Studies (Short Course)

J125/01 Religion, philosophy and ethics in the modern world

**Monday 14 May 2018 – Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 2 hours**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet  
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Answer **four** questions.
- You must answer **two** questions from Section A, **one** from Section B and **one** from Section C.
- Use black ink.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **126**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar and the use of specialist terminology (SPaG) will be assessed in questions marked with a pencil (✏). 6 marks can be awarded for SPaG.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document consists of **8** pages.

## SECTION A – Beliefs and teachings

Select **two** religions from this section. Answer all parts (a–e) of **both** of your chosen religions.

### 1 Christianity

- (a) State **three** titles used to describe Jesus. [3]
- (b) Outline what Christians mean by the term ‘sin’. [3]
- (c) Describe **one** Christian belief about the Second Coming of Christ (Parousia). [3]
- (d) Explain what Christians can learn about God from the Genesis narrative. [6]
- (e) ‘The best way to live is to follow the example of Jesus.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Christianity
- Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.

 Spelling, punctuation and grammar

[15]  
[3]

### 2 Islam

- (a) Give **three** of the 99 names of Allah. [3]
- (b) Outline what Muslims mean by the term ‘angels’. [3]
- (c) Describe **one** Muslim belief about predestination (al-Qad’r). [3]
- (d) Explain why Muslims believe the Qur'an is the final message from Allah. [6]
- (e) ‘The best way to live is to follow the example of the prophets.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Islam
- Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.

 Spelling, punctuation and grammar

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### 3 Judaism

- (a) State **three** characteristics of the Messiah. [3]
- (b) Outline what Jews mean by the term 'shekinah'. [3]
- (c) Describe **one** Jewish belief about the Promised Land. [3]
- (d) Explain why Jews believe G-d will judge them at the end of the world. [6]
- (e) 'The best way to live is to obey the Mitzvot.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Judaism
- Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.

 Spelling, punctuation and grammar

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**THIS IS THE END OF SECTION A**

**PLEASE TURN OVER FOR SECTION B**

## SECTION B – Relationships and families

Select **one** of the religions that you answered in Section A. Answer **all** parts (a–d) of the question on your chosen religion.

### 4 Christianity

- (a) Outline **one** Christian view about pre-marital sex. [3]
- (b) Describe the role of women in Christian families. [6]
- (c) Explain how Christian teachings influence views about equality. [6]
- (d)\* ‘Religion should not divide families.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Christianity
  - Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Christianity.
- [15]

### 5 Islam

- (a) Outline **one** Muslim view about pre-marital sex. [3]
- (b) Describe the role of women in Muslim families. [6]
- (c) Explain how Islamic teachings influence views about equality. [6]
- (d)\* ‘Religion should not divide families.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Islam
  - Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Islam.
- [15]

**6 Judaism**

(a) Outline **one** Jewish view about pre-marital sex. [3]

(b) Describe the role of women in Jewish families. [6]

(c) Explain how Jewish teachings influence views about equality. [6]

(d)\* 'Religion should not divide families.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Judaism
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism.

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**THIS IS THE END OF SECTION B**

**PLEASE TURN OVER FOR SECTION C**

## **SECTION C – Dialogue between religious and non-religious beliefs and attitudes**

Select **the same** religion that you answered in Section B. Answer **all** parts (a–d) of the question on your chosen religion.

### **7 Christianity**

(a) Name **three** public holidays based on Christian celebrations. [3]

(b) Describe Christian attitudes towards scientific methods used in Britain to create life.

In your response you must consider the fact that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian. [6]

(c) Explain why Christians have different attitudes towards other religions.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer.

[6]

(d)\* ‘Schools should be secular communities.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Christianity
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Christianity.

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### **8 Islam**

(a) Name **three** public holidays based on Christian celebrations. [3]

(b) Describe Muslim attitudes towards scientific methods used in Britain to create life.

In your response you must consider the fact that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian. [6]

(c) Explain why Muslims have different attitudes towards other religions.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer.

[6]

(d)\* ‘Schools should be secular communities.’

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Islam
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Islam.

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**9 Judaism**

(a) Name **three** public holidays based on Christian celebrations.

[3]

(b) Describe Jewish attitudes towards scientific methods used in Britain to create life.

In your response you must consider the fact that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian.

[6]

(c) Explain why Jews have different attitudes towards other religions.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer.

[6]

(d)\* 'Schools should be secular communities.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs and teachings within Judaism
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism.

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**END OF QUESTION PAPER**



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