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Religious Studies

**Unit 1: Religion and life based on a study of
Christianity and at least one other religion**

Monday 16 May 2016 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

5RS01/01

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 – 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 **moral evil**. (2)
- (b) Do you think all religious people should agree with the scientific explanation of the origins of the world?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how the followers of one religion respond to the problem of evil and suffering. (8)
- (d) "The design argument proves that God exists."
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 spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What does **omnipotent** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think the causation argument proves God exists?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how a religious upbringing may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Unanswered prayers show God does not exist."
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 spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

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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 does **resurrection** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think euthanasia should be allowed in the UK?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some people think the media should be allowed to criticise what religions say about matters of life and death. (8)
- (d) "There is no such thing as life after death."
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 **assisted suicide**? (2)
- (b) Do you think non-religious people should believe in life after death?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some followers of **one** religion *other than Christianity* do not agree with euthanasia. (8)
- (d) "All Christians should be against abortion."
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 **pre-marital sex**? (2)
- (b) Do you think attitudes towards divorce have changed in the UK?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why many Christians accept the use of contraception. (8)
- (d) "Sex outside marriage is always wrong."
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 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6 (a) What is meant by **cohabitation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think attitudes towards family life have changed in the UK?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why some of its followers accept divorce. (8)
- (d) "Attitudes to homosexuality have not really changed."
In your answer you should refer to **Christianity**.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
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SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

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- 7 (a) What is meant by a **multi-faith society**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the government can help community cohesion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how attitudes to the roles of men and women have changed in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Religious people must work for racial harmony."
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 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8 (a) What is meant by **religious freedom**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should help to promote racial harmony?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how a multi-faith society raises issues for religious people. (8)
- (d) "Men and women should have equal rights in religion."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
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