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Religious Studies

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

Monday 15 May 2017 – 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) What does **agnosticism** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious experiences prove God exists?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how the causation argument may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should agree with the scientific explanation of the origins of the world."
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 **omniscient** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think evil and suffering prove that God does not exist?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how the design argument may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Everyone should have a religious upbringing."
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.

EITHER

- 3 (a) What does **near-death experience** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think the media should be allowed to criticise what religions teach about matters of life and death?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians do not agree with abortion. (8)
- (d) "Believing in life after death should not affect how a Christian lives."
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 **sanctity of life**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should agree with euthanasia?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some followers of **one religion other than Christianity** do not agree with abortion. (8)
- (d) "Ghosts and mediums show that non-religious people should believe in 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)

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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 **adultery**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Christians should accept the use of contraception?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why family life is important for followers of **one religion other than Christianity**. (8)
- (d) "Christians should not agree with sex before marriage."
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 **procreation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Christians should accept divorce?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Choose **one religion other than Christianity** and explain why some of its followers may not accept homosexuality. (8)
- (d) "Raising a family is the most important thing a Christian can do."
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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SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What is meant by **discrimination**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should allow men and women to have equal rights in religion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how the government has worked to promote community cohesion in the UK. (8)
- (d) "It is difficult for families to follow their religion in a multi-faith society."
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 a **multi-faith society**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious beliefs about issues in this section, 'Religion and community cohesion', are treated fairly by the media?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how religions work to promote community cohesion in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Promoting racial harmony is the most important thing a Christian can do."
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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