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**Edexcel GCSE**

# Religious Studies

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

Monday 13 May 2013 – 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.*
- Questions in Section 1 are where your spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed. The total mark for spelling, punctuation and grammar will be 4.

## 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.

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- 1 (a) What is a **miracle**? (2)
- (b) Do you think unanswered prayers prove God does not exist?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how the causation argument may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Natural evil is proof that God did not create 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 is meant by **moral evil**? (2)
- (b) Do you think miracles have happened?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why scientific explanations of how the world began may lead some people not to believe in God. (8)
- (d) "The media helps people to believe in God."  
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 2 = 24 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 is **abortion**? (2)
- (b) Do you think life after death is impossible?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why euthanasia is a controversial issue. (8)
- (d) "The media should not be allowed to criticise what religions say about matters of life and 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 meant by **paranormal**? (2)
- (b) Do you think belief in life after death should affect the way Christians live their lives?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why some Christians accept abortion. (8)
- (d) "Euthanasia should never be allowed."  
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 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 **faithfulness**? (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 Christians. (8)
- (d) "Sex before marriage is always wrong."  
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 5 = 20 marks)

#### OR

- 6 (a) What is meant by a **nuclear family**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all religious people should accept homosexuality?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why some of its followers accept contraception. (8)
- (d) "Attitudes to divorce have not really changed."  
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 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 **sexism**? (2)
- (b) Do you think multi-faith societies cause problems for religious families?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how religions work to promote community cohesion. (8)
- (d) "Racial harmony is possible in the UK."  
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 **interfaith marriages**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious people should try to convert other people to their religion?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity*, and explain why some of its followers support equal rights for women in religion. (8)
- (d) "Religious people can achieve community cohesion."  
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 8 = 20 marks)



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