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Religious Studies Unit 2: Religion and life based on a study of Christianity	
Tuesday 18 May 2010 – Afternoon Time: 1 hour 30 minutes	Paper Reference 5RS02/01
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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 80.
- 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.*

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.

EITHER

- 1 (a) What is **free will**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the universe is designed?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why unanswered prayers may lead some people not to believe in God. (8)
- (d) "All religious parents should make sure their children believe in God."
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 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What is **prayer**? (2)
- (b) Do you think suffering proves God does not exist?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how religious experiences may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Only science can explain how the world was created."
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 2 = 20 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 **reincarnation**? (2)
- (b) Should everyone agree with abortion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why Christians believe in life after death. (8)
- (d) "The law on euthanasia should be changed."
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 **assisted suicide**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that there is life after death?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why most Christians are against euthanasia. (8)
- (d) "No Christian should have an 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 **adultery**? (2)
- (b) Do you think family life is important?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians accept homosexuality and some do not. (8)
- (d) "Christians should never use contraception."
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 attitudes in the UK towards homosexuality have changed?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why most Christians are against sex outside marriage. (8)
- (d) "All Christians should allow divorce."
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 **ethnic minority**? (2)
- (b) Do you think there are benefits to living in a multi-faith society?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians support equal rights for women in religion and some do not. (8)
- (d) "If everyone was a Christian, racism would not 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 Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8 (a) What is **religious pluralism**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the roles of men and women have changed in the UK?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why Christians should help to promote racial harmony. (8)
- (d) "The government alone cannot achieve community cohesion."
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 8 = 20 marks)



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