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Religious Studies

Unit 2: Religion and life based on a study of Christianity

Monday 11 May 2015 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

5RS02/01

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 **natural evil** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think that everyone should have a religious upbringing?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how religious experiences may lead people to believe in God. (8)
- (d) "Suffering proves God does 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 spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)
(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What is **prayer**? (2)
- (b) Do you think God designed the world?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how television programmes and/or radio programmes and/or films might affect a person's belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Miracles cannot happen today."
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 spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)
(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)



Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross . If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new question with a cross .

Chosen question number: **Question 1** **Question 2**

Write your answer here:

(a)

(b)

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SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

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

EITHER

- 3** (a) What does **voluntary euthanasia** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think all Christians should be against abortion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why **one** Christian agency is trying to end world poverty. (8)
- (d) "Evidence of the paranormal proves there is life after death."
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 **reincarnation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think the media should be allowed to criticise what religions say about matters of life and death?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some people think euthanasia should be legal in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Natural disasters are responsible for world poverty."
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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Chosen question number: **Question 3** ☒ **Question 4** ☒

Write your answer here:

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SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

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

EITHER

- 5 (a) What is meant by a **re-constituted family**? (2)
- (b) Do you think sex outside marriage is acceptable?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians do not accept homosexuality. (8)
- (d) "It is wrong to 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 **re-marriage**? (2)
- (b) Do you think attitudes towards homosexuality have changed?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why there are different methods of contraception. (8)
- (d) "Divorce is bad for family life."
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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Chosen question number: **Question 5** **Question 6**

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SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

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

EITHER

- 7** (a) What is meant by **religious freedom**? (2)
- (b) Do you think men and women should have equal rights in religion?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why Christians help to promote racial harmony. (8)
- (d) "All religious people should try to convert others to their religion."
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 meant by **prejudice**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that living in a multi-ethnic society reduces racism?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why there are differences among Christians in their attitudes to other religions. (8)
- (d) "The government needs to do more to encourage 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)



Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross . If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new question with a cross .

Chosen question number: **Question 7** **Question 8**

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