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Religious Studies

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

Monday 15 May 2017 – 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 **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 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 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 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)
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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 **near-death experience** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should agree with euthanasia?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why there is world poverty. (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 work to end world poverty?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians 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 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 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What is meant by **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) "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) Explain how an issue arising from this section, 'Marriage and the family', was presented in the media. (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 try to convert other people?
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 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 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)
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