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Religious Studies

**Unit 8: Religion and society based on a study
of Christianity and at least one other
religion**

Wednesday 17 May 2017 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

5RS08/01

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 – RELIGION: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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 is meant by **social change**? (2)
- (b) Do you think everyone should follow the Golden Rule?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians use only the teachings of the Church to make a moral decision and some do not. (8)
- (d) "Christians should support cloning."
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 a **pressure group**? (2)
- (b) Do you think human rights are important?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians use a variety of sources of authority to make a moral decision. (8)
- (d) "The Bible is of no use in modern 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 spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

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SECTION 2 – RELIGION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL ISSUES

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

EITHER

- 3** (a) What does **infertility** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think humans can stop polluting the environment?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why some of its followers do not accept transplant surgery. (8)
- (d) "Society will suffer if the world runs out of oil."
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) Give two examples of **natural resources**. (2)
- (b) Do you think global warming is the biggest problem in the world today?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how Christians should treat the environment. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should allow infertility treatment."
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 – RELIGION: PEACE AND CONFLICT

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What does **pacifism** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians do enough to prevent bullying?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why its followers believe forgiveness is important. (8)
- (d) "Money is the main cause of war."
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 **just war**? (2)
- (b) Do you think there is more conflict in religious families than non-religious ones?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how the United Nations work for world peace. (8)
- (d) "Christians should be willing to fight in a war."
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: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

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- 7** (a) What does **capital punishment** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think sixteen year olds should be able to buy alcohol?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Christians should work for justice in the world today. (8)
- (d) "Harsh punishments are more effective."
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 does **justice** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should be allowed to drink alcohol?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some non-religious people are against capital punishment. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should never break the law."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
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