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Religious Studies

Paper 1

Monday 16 May 2016 – Morning
Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Paper Reference

4RS0/01

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.
- You must attempt both Part 1 and Part 2.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the four **sections in Part 1**, and **any TWO questions from Part 2**.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 130.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- You must attempt both Part 1 and Part 2.

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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PART 1 – BELIEFS AND VALUES

There are four sections in this part of the question paper. Answer ONE question from EACH section.

Section A: The Universe, human beings and their destiny

Answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

- 1** (a) What is meant by **commonality** (of all living beings)? (2)
- (b) Choose **one** religion. Outline its teachings about how the universe began. (5)
- (c) Explain why some non-religious people believe that there is no life after death. (8)
- (d) "Violence and hatred in the world are inevitable."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **one** named religion. (5)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2** (a) What is meant by **human destiny**? (2)
- (b) Outline non-religious beliefs about the nature of human beings. (5)
- (c) Explain why some religious people might believe in the law of cause and effect in relation to life after death. (8)
- (d) "Human beings should rule over every other living thing."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **one** named religion. (5)

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Section B: Ultimate reality and the meaning of life

Answer ONE question from this section.

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- 3** (a) What does **omnipotent** mean? (2)
- (b) Outline religious teachings about the sanctity of life. (5)
- (c) Explain why some people might be agnostic about a belief in God. (8)
- (d) "The most important religious duty is to relieve suffering."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **one** named religion. (5)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4** (a) What is meant by **monotheism**? (2)
- (b) Outline non-religious teachings about the sources of evil and suffering. (5)
- (c) Choose **one** religion. Explain why there are differing attitudes to euthanasia in this religion. (8)
- (d) "The universe is designed by God."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **one** named religion. (5)

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Section C: Relationships, families and children

Answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5** (a) What is meant by an **extended family**? (2)
- (b) Outline religious attitudes to the importance of family life. (5)
- (c) Explain why religious people have differing attitudes towards childlessness. (8)
- (d) "All religious people should accept homosexuality."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **one** named religion. (5)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6** (a) What is meant by **heterosexuality**? (2)
- (b) Outline non-religious attitudes to divorce. (5)
- (c) Explain differing religious attitudes to sex outside marriage. (8)
- (d) "Religious communities should be involved in the upbringing of children."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **one** named religion. (5)

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Section D: Rights, equality and responsibilities**Answer ONE question from this section.****EITHER**

- 7** (a) What is meant by **charity**? (2)
- (b) Outline non-religious attitudes towards freedom of religion. (5)
- (c) Explain why religious people should promote the development of a multi-faith society. (8)
- (d) "Pluralism is the only correct approach to other religions in today's society."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **one** named religion. (5)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)**OR**

- 8** (a) What is meant by **racism**? (2)
- (b) Choose **one** religion. Outline its attitudes towards a multi-faith society. (5)
- (c) Explain non-religious attitudes towards those with a disability. (8)
- (d) "Rich people should give most of their wealth to the poor."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **one** named religion. (5)

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)**TOTAL FOR PART 1 = 80 MARKS**

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PART 2: THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

There are 18 questions in this part of the question paper. Answer any TWO questions.

Section A: Buddhism

- 9 (a) Outline the main features of the four sights in the life of the Buddha. (10)
- (b) Explain why Wesak is celebrated by Buddhists today. (10)
- (c) "The five additional precepts are only important for monks and nuns."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Buddhism**. (5)

(Total for Question 9 = 25 marks)

- 10 (a) Outline how Bodhisattvas set an example for Buddhists today. (10)
- (b) Explain why the Five Precepts are important for Buddhists. (10)
- (c) "The Buddha provides the best example of how to live life in the modern world."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Buddhism**. (5)

(Total for Question 10 = 25 marks)

- 11 (a) Outline the main features of the Noble Eightfold Path. (10)
- (b) Explain why the wheel of life is important for some Buddhists today. (10)
- (c) "Symbols are the most important aspect of a Buddhist's worship."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Buddhism**. (5)

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Section B: Christianity

12 (a) Outline the principles of Christian living set out in the Sermon on the Mount. (10)

(b) Explain why Christmas is an important festival for Christians. (10)

(c) "The clergy are essential in the life of a Christian."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Christianity**.

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(Total for Question 12 = 25 marks)

13 (a) Outline the main ways in which Christians celebrate Easter. (10)

(b) Explain how the Bible is used in the lives of Christians today. (10)

(c) "A Christian does not need to go to Jerusalem to show their faith."

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Christianity**.

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(Total for Question 13 = 25 marks)

14 (a) Outline Jesus' main teachings about discipleship. (10)

(b) Explain why Bethlehem and one significant place other than Jerusalem are important for Christians. (10)

(c) "Funeral services have no purpose except to say goodbye."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Christianity**.

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(Total for Question 14 = 25 marks)



Section C: Hinduism

15 (a) Outline the main activities a Hindu might perform at Varanasi. (10)

(b) Explain why Diwali is important for many Hindus. (10)

(c) "Mandirs are essential to worship in Hinduism."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Hinduism**.

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(Total for Question 15 = 25 marks)

16 (a) Outline, with examples, how the principle of ahimsa might be shown in the life of a Hindu. (10)

(b) Explain why the Bhagavad Gita is important for many Hindus. (10)

(c) "The Aarti ceremony is only important as a community activity."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Hinduism**.

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(Total for Question 16 = 25 marks)

17 (a) Outline the main teachings of the Upanishads. (10)

(b) Explain why Krishna is important for many Hindus. (10)

(c) "Pilgrimage to rivers plays an important part in the life of a Hindu."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Hinduism**.

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(Total for Question 17 = 25 marks)



Section D: Islam

18 (a) Outline the main activities a pilgrim performs on hajj. (10)

(b) Explain why the Imam is important for Shi'ah Muslims. (10)

(c) "Muhammad's most important role is as the 'seal of the prophets'"

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Islam**.

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(Total for Question 18 = 25 marks)

19 (a) Outline the main activities a Muslim might perform during Id-ul-fitr. (10)

(b) Explain why daily prayers are important for Muslims. (10)

(c) "The establishment of the community at Madinah marks the beginning of Islam."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Islam**.

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(Total for Question 19 = 25 marks)

20 (a) Outline the main ceremonies associated with death for Muslims. (10)

(b) Explain why Id-ul-adha is important for Muslims. (10)

(c) "The ummah shows Muslim beliefs about equality."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Islam**.

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(Total for Question 20 = 25 marks)



Section E: Judaism

21 (a) Outline how the main internal features of a synagogue are used during worship. (10)

(b) Explain why Yom Kippur is important in the Jewish community. (10)

(c) "The Western Wall is the most important site in Israel for Jewish people."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Judaism**.

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(Total for Question 21 = 25 marks)

22 (a) Outline, with examples, how Abraham's life showed his faith in the Almighty. (10)

(b) Explain why Masada is important for the Jewish community. (10)

(c) "Maimonides' principles are a complete summary of Jewish beliefs."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Judaism**.

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(Total for Question 22 = 25 marks)

23 (a) Outline the main activities of the celebration of Pesach. (10)

(b) Explain why the ceremonies associated with Bar Mitzvah are important in Judaism. (10)

(c) "The laws of kashrut are as important today as when they were given."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Judaism**.

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(Total for Question 23 = 25 marks)



Section F: Sikhism

24 (a) Outline how the Guru Granth Sahib is used within the Sikh community. (10)

(b) Explain why Guru Nanak's life is important for Sikhs. (10)

(c) "Wearing the 5Ks is the most important part of a Sikh's identity."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Sikhism**.

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(Total for Question 24 = 25 marks)

25 (a) Outline the main ways melas are celebrated by Sikhs. (10)

(b) Explain why the Harimandir is important in Sikhism. (10)

(c) "Devotion for Sikhs should be a private act."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Sikhism**.

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(Total for Question 25 = 25 marks)

26 (a) Outline the main activities that take place in a gurdwara. (10)

(b) Explain why Baisakhi is important to the Sikh community. (10)

(c) "The nishan sahib is just a flag."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Sikhism**.

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