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Religious Studies

Paper 1: Beliefs and Values

Sample assessment material for first teaching
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Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

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You do not need any other materials.

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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 100.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- In questions marked with an **asterisk** (*), marks will be awarded for your ability to structure your answer logically showing how the points that you make are related or follow on from each other where appropriate.

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: The Universe, Creation and the Place of Human Beings

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 for your chosen religion.

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1 (a) Identify **three** examples of moral evil.

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1 Killing a person.

2 Committing adultery.

3 Lying

(b) Outline **two** characteristics of God.

(4)

1 God is all loving - he loves everybody no matter what

2 God is omnipotent ~~the~~, and he sees and knows everything.

(c) Explain **three** ways in which the world appears to be designed.

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(d) If God is omnipotent then we have no free will.

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

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I agree with the viewpoint that ~~God~~ we have no free will since God is omnipotent. ~~But~~ If God is omnipotent, he has unlimited power. That means that he can control our thoughts and actions. If this is the case, we have no such ~~with~~ thing as free will, as God controls everything we do.

→ some might believe that

However, some might disagree with this viewpoint. ~~Some~~ Christians ~~may think that although God is~~ ~~omnipotent~~ additionally believe that God is all loving too. If God is all ~~loving~~ loving and omnipotent, then ~~there~~ murder should not exist in this world.

~~This means that God~~ ^{terrible things such as} suggests that although God is omnipotent, he does not use his power all the time, therefore we have free will. ^{as in Christianity.}

This is wrong, as ~~God~~ ^{but} ~~might want~~ alongside God Satan exists, who probably causes terrible things such as murder. ~~even though God is~~

(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

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OR

- 2 (a) Identify **three** beliefs about the origins of the universe.

(3)

1 God created the universe.

2 The Big Bang created the universe.

3 ~~Brahma~~ Brahma created the universe.

- (b) Outline **two** teachings about greed in the religion you have chosen.

(4)

1 Christianity teaches that greed ^{a sin} is ~~bad~~, as the Bible quotes "the greedy man curses and spurns God" (Ps. 10:3) supports this fact.

2 Christianity teaches that you should be thankful to avoid greed, as the quote: "be content with your wages" (1K. 3:14) supports this fact.

(c) Explain **three** beliefs about free will.

(6)

1 Since God created humans in his image, (Genesis 1:26), we resemble God in our capacity to display love and justice. And like God, we have free will.

In Christianity

2 In Buddhism, there is no such thing as free will. Every action we take is the result of the principle of 'cause and effect' so we do things depending on this principle.

3 Some people believe that there is already a plan set out for us, so every action we take leads us to our fate.

(d) God caused the world to exist.

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

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I do not believe that God caused the world to exist. There is no evidence suggesting this fact other than a book called the Bible which ~~describes the process in which~~ only has a few lines ~~suggesting~~ outlining that God created the earth. It is also not known who wrote the Bible.

However, the scientific argument that the world was created due to Big Bang has plenty of evidence, and the authors of these pieces of evidence can all be traced. Additionally, there is no proof that God exists other than the Bible.

Some Christians ^{such as Anglicans} may believe that God created the earth since the Bible said so. Christians who are ^{knowledgeable in} ~~work~~ with science may also believe that the Big Bang, which caused the world to exist, was caused by God. However, there is no solid evidence suggesting that God is real.

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SECTION 2: Life and Death

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EITHER

3 (a) Identify **three** types of family.

(3)

1 Nuclear ~~family~~ family - husband, wife and child/children.

2 Gay couple with child/children.

3 Unmarried man and woman ~~and~~ with child/children.

(b) Outline the roles of men and women in the family.

(4)

Traditionally, men and women already ~~have~~ ^{have} so roles in the family reserved for each gender. For example, the woman is the housewife who takes care of the house, the ~~children~~ children, and cooks food for the family, ~~while~~ while the husband is the ~~breadwinner~~ breadwinner, using his salary to support his family and himself.

(c) Explain why there are different attitudes to homosexuality in the religion you have chosen.

(6)

In Christianity, there are many different attitudes to homosexuality.

Some Christians are in favour of homosexuality as homosexuals were created by God, and are following their natural instincts, so they should not be condemned. They also argue that some laws in the Bible are not accepted in modern society (e.g. capital punishment, slavery), and the laws on homosexuality are one of them. Also, there is evidence of homosexual activity in the animal kingdom.

Some Christians are against homosexuality as God ordered ~~male and~~ male and female to procreate. Even if a couple are unable to have children, the sexual union is still open to the production of children. Homosexuality is also condemned in the Bible, as the quote from the Book of Leviticus: "If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination, ~~they~~ they shall surely be put to death." (Leviticus 20.13).

(d) A society that really cared about the terminally ill would allow euthanasia.

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

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I disagree with this statement. Terminally ill people should not be given this opportunity as life is a gift from God. Since all life is God-given, it is sacred and holy. Birth and death is part of this sacred process, so we should respect them. As a result, no human being has the right to take the life of any innocent person, even if the person wants to die. Also, allowing sick people to ~~kill~~ ~~commit~~ kill themselves might motivate people with non-fatal illnesses to kill themselves.

Some people might say that God gave people free will, as the quote: "choose good" (Isaiah 7:15) supports this fact. Since each of us can make decisions for ourselves, euthanasia can be allowed, as it is the right thing to do. However, since human life is sacred (sanctity of life) we should not kill anyone, even ourselves, as the Bible quote: "Thou shalt not kill" (Deuteronomy 5) supports this fact. As a result, euthanasia is ~~murder~~ murder in the eyes of God.

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OR

4 (a) Identify **three** types of fertility treatment.

(3)

1 AIH (Artificial insemination by husband)

2 AID (Artificial ~~insemination~~ by Insemination by Donor)

3 IVF (In Vitro ~~Fertilisation~~ Fertilisation)

(b) Outline the teaching on the sanctity of life in the religion you have chosen.

(4)

The sanctity of life is the teaching that all life is sacred. Since all life exists for God's purposes and all human lives are equally sacred, human life is blessed by God so it ~~must~~ must be preserved and nurtured.

(c) Explain why some people believe in life after death.

(6)

Some people such as Christians believe that this life is not all there is. They believe that God will punish the bad and reward the good in some form ~~after death~~ after death. They believe that Christians believe in life after death because Jesus rose from the dead, according to the New Testament. If Jesus rose from the dead, then there is life after death. Jesus also taught that he would come again at the end of the world for a final judgement resulting in heaven or hell. Also all the Christian Churches teach that there is life after death. Protestant, Catholic, ~~Orthodox~~ Orthodox, and Pentecostal all teach their followers that there will be life after death.

Some
Non-religious people believe in life after death due to near death experiences such as feeling feelings of floating above the body, seeing a bright light, and entering another world. Also, there is evidence for a spirit world, its ~~the most~~ most importantly in the form of ~~mediums~~ Mediums, by contacting people's dead relatives and telling them things only their relative could know. Therefore, if mediums can ~~contact~~ contact the dead in a spirit world, there ~~must~~ must be life after death.

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(d) Abortion should be banned everywhere.

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

(12)

I do not agree with this statement.

(Total for Question 4 = 25 marks)

SECTION 3: Peace and Conflict

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Answer either Question 5 or Question 6 for your chosen religion.

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EITHER

5 (a) Identify **three** types of punishment.

(3)

1 Capital Punishment (execution)

2 Corporal Punishment (caning)

3 Detention (Jail)

(b) Outline the role of the United Nations.

(4)

The United Nations is an international organisation committed to maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among ~~nations~~ countries, promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights.

(c) Explain **three** reasons why conflict occurs.

(6)

1 Conflict occurs because mutual understanding does not exist. Two might not understand each other's beliefs, and instead of negotiating with each other, violence occurs.

2 Conflict occurs because one party might not want something from the ~~other~~ (e.g. oil) other party (e.g. oil), which results, causing conflict.

3 Conflict occurs ~~because~~ because ~~one party hates the other~~ the other party, causing violence of the ~~lack of~~ level of expectations.

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(d) All criminals should be sent to prison.

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

I do not agree that all criminals should be sent to prison. ⁽¹²⁾ Although criminals do bad things, there are different levels of criminality. The highest level is murder, while the lowest level is drunk driving. As a result, only the ones who have committed heavy crimes such as murder should be in prison, as there is a likelihood that they might commit the same crime again. Even though any criminal can commit the same crime again, their crimes would probably affect more people than those who have committed low level crimes. ~~As a~~ ~~However~~, all criminals can be ~~rehabilitated~~ rehabilitated.
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Some people may disagree and say that all crimes are bad, and if don't lock criminals up, they might take advantage of their freedom and commit more crimes. However, not all criminals are like this. Some are remorseful, while some are not.

Also, ~~most~~ prisons do not serve their ~~purpose~~ purpose as rehabilitation facilities. Some prisons might exacerbate the condition of criminals, so it is better to rehabilitate.

(Total for Question 5 = 25 marks)

You should aim to spend no more than 20 minutes on this section.

OR

- 6 (a) Identify **three** areas of conflict in the world today.

(3)

1 Conflict in the context of violence - wars are happening.

2 Conflict between religions - some may not understand another religion.

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- (b) Outline the attitude to alcohol in the religion you have chosen.

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(c) Explain why some people support capital punishment.

Explain people may support capital punishment⁽⁶⁾
as they may believe that

(d) There is no such thing as a Just War.

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

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I agree that there is such a thing as a just war.

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SECTION 4: Rights, Equality and Social Justice

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Answer either Question 7 or Question 8 from your chosen religion.

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Indicate which religion you have chosen to answer from by marking a cross in the box ☒.

Chosen question number: Question 7 ☐ Question 8 ☐

Chosen religion: Buddhism ☐

Christianity ☒

Hinduism ☐

Islam ☐

Judaism ☐

Sikhism ☐

You should aim to spend no more than 20 minutes on this section.

EITHER

7 (a) Identify **three** basic human rights.

(3)

1 Right to life.

2 Freedom from torture

3 Freedom from slavery.

(b) Outline **two** ways people with disabilities are supported in society.

(4)

1 Charities help people with disabilities. They may provide services to improve the lives of disabled people, by providing hearing aids to the deaf for example.

2 There are events such as exhibiting artwork by disabled people to raise awareness that these types of people ~~exist~~ exist, so ~~they~~ they can be helped by society.

(c) Explain why racial harmony should be promoted in the religion you have chosen.

Racial harmony should be promoted in Christianity⁽⁶⁾
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(d) All religious people should be pluralist.

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

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(Total for Question 7 = 25 marks)

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OR

8 (a) Identify **three** forms of discrimination.

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(b) Outline how equality is shown in the religion you have chosen.

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(c) Explain why there are different attitudes to charity.

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(d) Human rights should be the same wherever you live.

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

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