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Paper 1: Beliefs and Values

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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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Chosen question number:

Question 1



Question 2



Chosen religion:

Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism



Sikhism



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

(3)

1 Rape

2 Murder

3 ~~Physical~~ Slander

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

(4)

1 Omnipotent, all good and forgiving.

2 Omnipotent, all powerful

(c) Explain **three** ways in which the world appears to be designed. (6)

1. ^{e.g. camels} Creatures on it have evolutionary adaptations that ~~seem to~~ make them perfectly adapted to their environment e.g. polar bears have thick fur to provide an insulating layer from cold. Shows that somebody created them. ^{ie earth.}
2. ~~Universe according to scientists has no beginning of which seems illogical. everything should have the world seems to~~ be in perfect equilibrium zone for life to exist, which requires fulfilment of many ~~unspecific~~ conditions e.g. certain distance from star, seems to be result of intelligent design.
3. The world is full of natural wonders e.g. Grand Canyon that look to be made by somebody conscious and aware of the world around it, that could not simply be made by chance.

(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.

(12)

Agree as this means he is all powerful, therefore has control over all beings ~~and~~ and entities that exist in universe, including human beings. Therefore this means that said entities can not willingly make choices on their own, however complex or intelligent they are. — like robots that are programmed to say or do things, not considered having free-will or conscious. people

Somebody religious might also agree with me as the ~~concept of sanctity of life~~ bible states that "God created man in his own image", which suggests that humanities lives all belong to God and thus God has control over the choices and decisions we make in life.

~~Somebody might disagree because~~ Somebody may disagree with me as they know from personal experience that they consciously make choices about what they want to do with their lives, even when religious preach God is omnipotent, therefore it cannot be true.

Finally somebody Christian might disagree because God is ~~also~~ omnibenevolent, and ~~people~~ thus will not make people commit sins such as murder. Therefore they must be acting out of free-will to commit such crimes.

(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

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

OR

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

(3)

1 There was nothing in time and space, just a singularity. Quantum fluctuations cause singularity to expand in what is known as big bang, creating universe.

2 There was nothing in time and space, and an omnipotent entity known as God created the universe and the world in 7 days and nights.

3 The universe was created out of the parts of the body of Purusha, creating the 5 castes of Hindu society.

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

(4)

1 ~~Money~~ ^{Be greedy} is a 'To own material possessions' is a source of much evil, according to bible, "the root of all evil", and that one ~~must~~ give up most worldly possessions to be poor, ^{should} due to the golden rule stating that others should be treated as one would like to be treated.

2 To be greedy is also to ensure a suffering in hell after death; according to Jesus, it is harder for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven.

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

(6)

1 Free will is ~~an~~ given by God to human beings, so that we can choose whether or not to obey God — according to ~~the Bible~~ ^{to Deuteronomy 30:19}, we are encouraged to listen to "God's voice". This is to ensure we truly choose to love and obey God.

2 ~~Free~~ Free will allows people to determine their own fate, whether or not to commit good or evil, whether or not to obey or turn away from God. — as shown in Joshua 24:15, which states that people are free to choose God or other religions.

3 ~~But~~ Only humans have free will, — animals and other creatures do not, as they cannot choose whether or not to serve or obey God and thus cannot make moral decisions.

(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.

(12)

I disagree, as science and technological inventions have shown it is that the bible account is likely flawed and false: the world was created ~~6000~~ 14 billion years ago, not 6000 years, and an ~~event known as the Big Bang~~ for example. Therefore this shows that God must likely not exist, as bible is supposedly the word of God and it is ~~wrong~~ shown to be wrong.

Another person might also disagree because they believe every event has a cause, from personal experience, e.g. earthquakes from seismic activity, wars from poor political decisions. Therefore, ~~God must~~ they believe that ~~God is God~~ ~~must have been~~ the universe must have been driven from an infinite loop of events, and believe in an oscillating universe and not in God.

A Christian might disagree because, ~~from both personal experience and bible~~, the ~~universe~~ bible states that God created the world and universe in 7 days. They could also argue that God ~~was~~ could have created the Big Bang, hence making it scientifically plausible. Also, they might also argue ~~for the~~ that the laws of physics show that ~~God may~~ shows signs of intelligent design.

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SECTION 2: Life and Death

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Answer either Question 3 or Question 4 for your chosen religion.

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

(3)

1 Nuclear Family

2 Reconstituted Family

3 Single-Parent Family

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

(4)

Traditionally, men expected to provide for the family through jobs; he was the breadwinner and earned the most financially to meet basic necessities for the unit. Women were expected to take care domestically, who were meant to organize and clean the home, as well as raising/supervising children.

However, many couples nowadays provide for the family; due to the passing of numerous gender equality laws that legally give women the same rights as men, including the right to work. This means more women are working and some men are staying home as a reversal of roles.

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

(6)

Some Christians ~~let~~ view homosexuality acceptably, as homosexual ~~relations~~ ~~some~~ relationships cannot produce offspring, which in their eyes violates one of the purposes of relationships due to biblical quotes such as "Be fruitful and increase in number". Therefore they are unnatural and thus ~~should~~ ~~no~~ homosexual relationships should not be entered.

However, some Christians view homosexuality neutrally, believing ~~that~~ homosexual relationships are fine as love is described by ~~by~~ ~~classics~~ 3:14 as binding relationships, the glue ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~relationship~~ of a relationship. Therefore they believe homosexual relationships should be accepted as although they may seem aesthetically repulsive/unnatural, they attain the most important element which is love.

Some ~~most~~ Christians view homosexuality as being negative is that the bible condemns homosexuals, — in ~~Leviticus~~ ~~Leviticus~~ 18:22 God ~~condemns~~ calls homosexuality an abomination, thereby hinting at that it is unnatural and sinful and ~~therefore~~ ~~therefore~~ shouldn't be allowed.

(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.

I ^{agree} ~~disagree~~, as many terminally ill patients suffer immensely, so much so that their quality of life is almost non-existent, and that death might be a better option for them, as it ends their suffering. (12)

Another might ^{agree} ~~disagree~~ because all people have certain human rights, such as the ~~right~~ ^{rights} including the as stated in non-religious UDHR, all of which means all are entitled to freedom, justice and peace, something that ~~the~~ euthanasia can bring to ~~the~~ terminally ill patients.

A Christian might ^{disagree} ~~agree~~ with the statement due to Sanctity of life, which means that all human life is sacred and belongs to ~~god~~ ^{God}. ~~There~~ ~~is~~ ^{Therefore} ~~not~~ ^{supported} by bible quotes such as "You are God's temple". ~~the~~ ^{Therefore} they believe euthanasia may have a snowball effect that can undermine the importance of minority groups such as terminally ill patients, which can make society care less and less for them.

Finally a non-religious person might disagree with statement because doctors make Hippocratic oath, which states that they can only use their skills to help, not kill. ~~Therefore~~ ^{Therefore} they may believe that euthanasia may undermine relationship between doctors and

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terminally ill patients, causing them to lose access to medical support.

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OR

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

(3)

1

In vitro fertilisation.

2

Artificial Insemination

3

Surrogacy.

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

(4)

~~State~~ ^{human} All life sacred and belongs to God, and only God has the right to take and end life through natural disasters such as earthquakes and Tsunamis or diseases such as cancer.

This is supported by quotes such as "You are yourselves are the Lord's ~~temp~~ temple", therefore implying that human ~~the~~ lives are important and ~~that~~ as they house God.

Personal
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non-religious
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Resurrection of
Jesus

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

(6)

Some people ~~in the~~ believe so because death is something that ~~scare~~ scares and worries them, so they believe in life after death in order to comfort ~~to~~ and reassure them. It might also ~~of~~ make them believe their lives are purposeful and ~~have~~ ^{have} meaning, as their past actions will be judged in the afterlife.

Some people may also believe in life after death due to paranormal activity — this may have been personal experiences of ghosts and spirits, or the existence of mediums — people who claim to be able to communicate with ~~ghosts~~ spirits and people who have died. Therefore this shows that people exist after death.

~~Some~~ ~~first~~ Most Christians believe in life after death due to the resurrection of Jesus, ~~as~~ according to bible quotes such as "He has risen! He is not here." This clearly shows that there is an afterlife, as Jesus ~~lives~~ ^{lives} to live on after his death on the cross.

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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 disagree, as abortion can be the lesser of two evils in many scenarios. e.g. if pregnant woman was raped, poor or ~~young~~ young. ~~This~~ Abortion could ensure that every baby/infant was wanted and cared for, as well as not lower the quality of life of other people.

Another ~~person~~ religious person might disagree as banning abortion could lead to illegal backstreet abortions that can lead to immense suffering and even death, as healthcare systems with medical professionals are no longer allowed to carry out abortions. ~~For~~ E.g. the Philippines had ~~had~~ thousands of women hospitalized a year for illegal abortions, as abortions are ~~to~~ not allowed.

Christian A religious person might agree with the statement as abortion violates sanctity of life, the concept that all life is sacred and belongs to God. ~~Since~~ Since they believe life begins at conception, according to biblical quotes such as "Behold I found you in the womb I knew you" ^{this} which would make the ~~termination~~ termination of pregnancy immoral in their eyes, reinforced by bible quotes such as "thou shalt not kill".

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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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Chosen question number:

Question 5



Question 6



Chosen religion:

Buddhism

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Christianity



Hinduism

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Islam

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Judaism

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Sikhism

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

(3)

1

Imprisonment

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Fines

3

Hard Labour

(b) Outline the role of the United Nations.

(4)

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

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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.

(12)

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OR

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

(3)

1 Syria

2 Yemen

3 Ukraine / Crimea

(b) Outline the attitude to alcohol in the religion you have chosen. ^{ie Catholics}

(4)

Most Christians believe that alcoholic beverages are consumed as part of the ceremony of Eucharist, and ~~therefore~~ believed to be the blood of Jesus, and ~~is thus~~ thus alcohol can be consumed.

However ~~Christians~~ believe most Christians believe that abusing ~~the use~~ alcohol is immoral as the human body ~~is~~ is sacred, supported by bible quotes such as "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit". Therefore they believe they should take care of their own bodies and not take ~~physical or mental~~ substances that can affect body negatively.

(c) Explain why some people support capital punishment.

(6)

Some people support it to deter ~~the~~ people from committing violent crimes such as murder and rape, a way of ~~discouraging~~ such acts from happening in the first place and thus mitigating suffering.

Some people also support it because ~~long term~~ (the alternative) imprisonment, ~~the~~ ~~supported as the alternative often alternative~~ to capital imprisonment, can cost millions of dollars in money, ~~the~~ resources that can be used to save lives and mitigate suffering, so capital punishment might be the lesser of two evils.

A Christian might also support capital punishment as ~~the~~ ~~for~~ ~~Jesus~~ ~~tells~~ ~~that~~, a judge, ~~that~~ he ~~was~~ ~~given~~ Jesus ~~letters~~ ~~that~~ states that the power of ~~sent~~ justice systems and courts to deliver capital punishment is bestowed by God, so it doesn't violate sanctity of life. Therefore it is moral in their eyes.

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I disagree, as ~~the~~ many wars have ~~gone for~~
~~stopped~~ been for more beneficial to humanity than if they
did not occur in the first place, thus ~~justifying~~ their
making them the lesser of two evils. For example, WW2
stopped the ~~and~~ 'inhuman' methods carried out by Nazi
Germany and Imperial Japan, which have killed millions of
people, and would have killed many more millions if WW2
hadn't ~~also~~ ~~their~~ put a stop to it.

Another non-religious person might also disagree as certain wars do not ~~really~~ ~~kill people and cause suffering~~ kill innocents who don't deserve suffering, but in most cases only those who do evil terrorists and thus benefit the world by ending their lives.

A Christian might agree with this statement as only we violate sanctity of life, and or thus immoral as only God can choose when and how to take life. It is part of God's plan, ~~as it~~ supported by bible quotes such as "for I know the plans I have for you."

They believe Another non-religious person might disagree as no wars are fought with good ~~sa~~/moral intent, and ~~all~~ at least have the aim of securing resources such as oil e.g. Iraq War. The nature of war

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itself unless it is possible to have other aims, as ~~other~~ moral aims

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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Chosen question number: Question 7 ☒ Question 8 ☐

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EITHER

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

(3)

1 Freedom of Expression

2 Freedom of Movement

3 Right to fair trial and protection from law.

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

(4)

1 Disabled people are given welfare services by government in the form of money and aid, in order to ensure that they have basic necessities such as food and water and shelter.

2 ~~Public~~ ^{public} facilities are built for disabled people, such as toilets for disabled people and ramps, to ensure that their ailments do not hinder their ~~access~~ ^{access} to mobility and where they can go, as well as ~~so~~ make it more convenient for them.

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

(6)

Should be ^{promoted} ~~promoted~~ due to the ^{biblical} ~~Book~~ story of the good Samaritan, where a Samaritan ~~helps~~ saves a Jew's life, despite them being enemies. This shows that race ~~does~~ does not matter and so there should be harmony between different races, and that they can cooperate and work together. This story told by Jesus, which better helps emphasize importance ^{and race} of racial harmony.

Should be promoted as Christians come ^{from} multiple ethnicities, ^{and race} from ~~countries as diverse as~~ such as South Korea to England to South Africa. Therefore there should be peace and friendship as many ~~countries will include~~ Christian communities will include Christians of different ethnicities and races.

Should be promoted as bible teaches that all people are the 'sons of God', ~~so~~ suggesting that all people are equal regardless of their ^{sex} or ethnicity. Therefore the religion should promote racial harmony.

(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.

(12)

I agree as this would ensure harmony in society between different religions, ~~thus~~, as each religion respects and considers each one completely equal, therefore there won't arguments and conflicts over which one is better, which can lead to ~~subbing due to intolerance~~ prevent subbing due to hatred and intolerance.

A Christian might agree as the Parable of Sheep and Goats ~~and~~ shows that people just need to be moral, good and kind to achieve salvation, therefore ~~this~~ there is no need for proselytisation - and that all religions are valid and equal before God's eyes; and thus ~~to~~ religions people should be pluralist as being part of which religion.

Another non-religious person might ~~disagree~~ ^{disagree} as various religions have different religious views ~~to~~ ~~systems~~ and thus have customs that are incompatible e.g. Muslims can have ~~an~~ multiple wives, not allowed by Christians. Thus they believe ~~some~~ ~~religions~~ people in certain religions won't be able to live harmoniously together and should thus not be in contact with another in the first place, as attempting to do can lead to riots and violence e.g. 9/11.

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OR

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

(3)

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

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