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Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 International
GCSE (9–1)

Total Marks

Religious Studies
PAPER 1: Beliefs and Values

Thursday 9 May 2024 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

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YOU MUST HAVE

Nil

YOU WILL BE GIVEN

Nil

INSTRUCTIONS

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.

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ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.

Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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.

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

If you answer Question 1, put a cross in the box ☐.

- 1 (a) Identify **THREE** beliefs about free will.
(3 marks)

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**(b) Outline TWO non-religious beliefs
about the causes of suffering.
(4 marks)**

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**(c) Explain why some religious people believe there is only one God.
(6 marks)**

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(d) “Humans will always sin.”

Evaluate this statement, showing you have considered different points of view.

**In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
(12 marks)**

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(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

If you answer Question 2, put a cross in the box ☐.

Only answer this question if you have not answered question 1.

- 2 (a) Identify **THREE** religious beliefs about the nature of an ultimate reality.
(3 marks)

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**(b) Outline TWO non-religious beliefs
about human selfishness.
(4 marks)**

Answer space continues on the next page.

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**(c) Explain why most religious people believe God is the cause of the universe.
(6 marks)**

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(d) “God determines a person’s fate.”

**Evaluate this statement, showing
you have considered different points
of view.**

**In your answer you should refer to at
least one religion.
(12 marks)**

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next 6 pages.**

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(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

SECTION 2: Life and Death

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

If you answer Question 3, put a cross in the box ☐.

- 3 (a) Identify THREE non-religious beliefs about the value of human life. (3 marks)**

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**(b) Choose ONE religion. Outline TWO attitudes to remarriage.
(4 marks)**

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3(b) continued.

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**(c) Explain how religious people may respond to same-sex relationships.
(6 marks)**

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(d) “Religious people should adopt children.”

Evaluate this statement, showing you have considered different points of view.

**In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
(12 marks)**

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(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

If you answer Question 4, put a cross in the box ☐.

Only answer this question if you have not answered question 3.

- 4 (a) Identify **THREE** reasons why marriage may be important to religious people.
(3 marks)

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**(b) Outline TWO ways religious people may respond to family breakdown.
(4 marks)**

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4(b) continued.

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**(c) Choose ONE religion. Explain its teachings about the meaning and purpose of life.
(6 marks)**

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(d) “This life is all there is.”

**Evaluate this statement, showing
you have considered different points
of view.**

**In your answer you should refer to at
least one religion.
(12 marks)**

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next 6 pages.**

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(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.

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

If you answer Question 5, put a cross in the box ☐.

**5 (a) Identify THREE causes of conflict.
(3 marks)**

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**(b) Outline TWO ways religions can promote peacemaking.
(4 marks)**

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5(b) continued.

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**(c) Explain why some non-religious people are against capital punishment.
(6 marks)**

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(d) “Sins should be against the law.”

**Evaluate this statement, showing
you have considered different points
of view.**

**In your answer you should refer to at
least one religion.
(12 marks)**

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next 6 pages.**

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If you answer Question 6, put a cross in the box ☐.

Only answer this question if you have not answered question 5.

- 6 (a) Identify THREE reasons why society punishes criminals.
(3 marks)

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**(b) Outline TWO reasons why
bullying happens.
(4 marks)**

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6(b) continued.

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**(c) Choose ONE religion. Explain why some of its followers are opposed to capital punishment.
(6 marks)**

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(d) “Sometimes war is the only way to achieve peace.”

Evaluate this statement, showing you have considered different points of view.

**In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
(12 marks)**

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(Total for Question 6 = 25 marks)

SECTION 4: Rights, Equality and Social Justice

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

If you answer Question 7, put a cross in the box ☐.

**7 (a) Identify THREE ways people may respond to the poor.
(3 marks)**

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**(b) Outline TWO ways society tries to overcome racism.
(4 marks)**

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(c) Choose ONE religion. Explain the attitudes its followers may hold towards equal rights for women. (6 marks)

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(d)“Religious people should only mix with others of the same faith.”

Evaluate this statement, showing you have considered different points of view.

**In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
(12 marks)**

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(Total for Question 7 = 25 marks)

If you answer Question 8, put a cross in the box ☐.

Only answer this question if you have not answered question 7.

- 8 (a) Identify **THREE** attitudes non-religious people may have to living in a multi-faith society.
(3 marks)

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**(b) Outline TWO ways religious people
can support the poor.
(4 marks)**

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**(c) Choose ONE religion. Explain the responsibilities its followers have in a multi-ethnic society.
(6 marks)**

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(d) “Everyone deserves human rights.”

**Evaluate this statement, showing
you have considered different points
of view.**

**In your answer you should refer to at
least one religion.
(12 marks)**

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next 6 pages.**

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(Total for Question 8 = 25 marks)

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