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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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1 hour 45 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Choose **two** of Sections A, B and C and answer **all** the questions in each of your chosen sections.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Choose **two** of Sections A, B and C and answer **all** the questions in each of your chosen sections.

Section A – Christianity

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 1 (a) (i) Name **three** types of literature found in the Bible. [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe the different types of content in the Old and New Testaments. [4]
- (b) Explain why Christians might use the Bible to guide them in their lives today. [7]
- (c) 'The teachings in the Bible are only meant for Christians.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

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"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here."

Mark 16:6 [NIV]

- (a) (i) On what occasion, and to whom, were these words said? [3]
- (ii) Name **two** days in Holy Week and state the event from the life of Jesus that is remembered on each day. [4]
- (b) Explain why Christians consider the crucifixion of Jesus to be an important event. [7]
- (c) 'Churches should not be richly decorated.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

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Section B – Islam

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 3 (a) (i) Why do Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr? [3]
(ii) State **four** ways this festival is celebrated. [4]
(b) Explain why it might be considered important for all Muslims to enjoy and celebrate festivals. [7]
(c) 'A person can only be a true Muslim in a Muslim country.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [6]

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'Every time a child is born, the world begins anew.
To Muslims every child is a gift from Allah.'

- (a) (i) State **three** rituals that are associated with the birth of a Muslim child. [3]
(ii) How are Muslim children educated in their religion? [4]
(b) Explain why family life is important for Muslims. [7]
(c) 'In Islam, the family is more important than the community.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [6]

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Section C – Judaism

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 5 (a) (i) Describe a mezuzah. [3]
 (ii) Describe how a mezuzah is used in the home. [4]
 (b) Explain why using religious objects in the Jewish home might strengthen belief. [7]
 (c) 'All the most important aspects of Jewish life take place in the home.'
 Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [6]

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**'REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO
KEEP IT HOLY.' EXODUS 20:8**

- (a) Give an account of:
 (i) the ceremony in the home that begins Shabbat on Friday evening [4]
 (ii) the ceremony that ends Shabbat on Saturday evening. [4]
 (b) Explain why it is important for Jews to observe Shabbat. [7]
 (c) 'Judaism could not survive without Shabbat.'
 Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [6]

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