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1 hour 45 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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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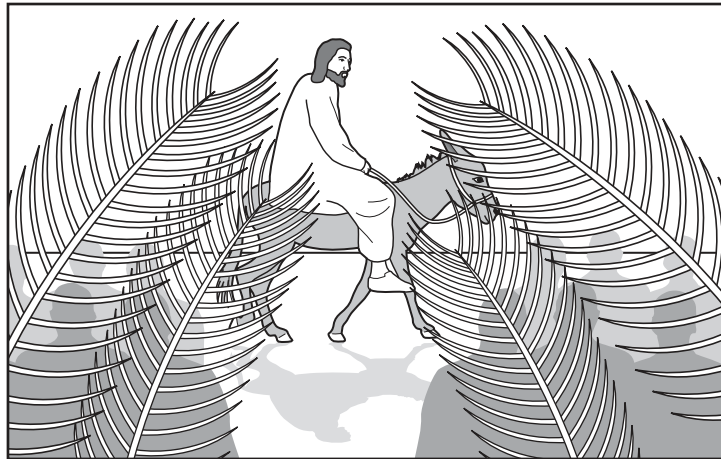


Section A - Christianity

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

- 1 (a) (i) What is the significance of the cross for Christians? [3]
- (ii) Name **four** items (other than a cross) that might be found on an altar in a Christian church. [4]
- (b) Explain why attending a communal act of worship might strengthen the faith of Christians. [7]
- (c) 'There are many methods of building a successful church.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

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- (a) (i) Describe the event in the life of Jesus shown here. [3]
- (ii) Name the Christian festival which remembers this event and describe how it is celebrated. [4]
- (b) Explain why Christians study both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. [7]
- (c) 'The example of the life of Jesus is more important to adults than to children.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have considered different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

Section B - Islam

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

- 3 (a) (i)** Describe what should be recited to a Muslim who is dying. [3]
- (ii)** State **four** funeral rites carried out when a Muslim has died. [4]
- (b)** Explain the connection between the following customs of Hajj and Muslim beliefs about life after death.
- (i)** Ihram **and**
- (ii)** the Stand (Waquf) at Arafat. [7]
- (c)** 'Muslims should not fear death.'
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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**Marry women of your choice,
Two or three or four
But if you fear that ye shall not
Be able to deal justly (with them)
Then only one...
Surah 4:3**

- (a)** In a Muslim marriage ceremony, what is
- (i)** Mahr **and** [3]
- (ii)** Nikah? [4]
- (b)** Explain the significance for Muslims of the traditional teachings in Islam about the role of women. [7]
- (c)** 'Providing for the family is an equal responsibility in a marriage.'
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]

Section C - Judaism

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

- 5 (a) (i) Give **three** details of God's covenant promise to Abraham. [3]
- (ii) Describe the covenant with Moses. [4]
- (b) Explain why it might be important to Jews to know about the history of their religion. [7]
- (c) 'It is difficult for a Jew in the twenty-first century to follow the teachings of the Torah.' 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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- (a) (i) Identify the Jewish symbols shown here. [2]
- (ii) Name **one** other feature of Judaism found in most synagogues. [1]
- (iii) What are the roles of the Rabbi and the Chazan (Cantor) in a synagogue service? [4]
- (b) Explain how the use of symbols might strengthen the faith of a Jew. [7]
- (c) To what extent is there a need for a special building for worship in Judaism? Discuss this question. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [6]

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