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Paper 1

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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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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) What is the Trinity? [3]
- (ii) Give the beliefs about the Trinity in the Apostles' Creed. [4]
- (b) Explain why Christians might think that the teachings about the Trinity are important. [7]
- (c) 'The idea of the Trinity is too confusing to be useful.'
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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'If any one aspires to the office of bishop, he desires a noble task.'

1 Timothy 3:1 [RSV]

- (a) (i) Give **three** types of leaders in the Christian church (**not** including bishop). [3]
- (ii) Describe the work of **one** of the leaders you have mentioned. [4]
- (b) Explain the significance of bishops to Christians. [7]
- (c) 'There are too many leaders in the Christian church.'
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)** Give **three** reasons why Muhammad (pbuh) left Makkah. [3]
- (ii)** Describe what happened when Muhammad (pbuh) left Makkah. [4]
- (b)** Explain the significance of the Hijrah for Muslims. [7]
- (c)** ‘Experiences of persecution have strengthened Islam as a religion.’
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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‘Say: “Obey Allah and obey the Messenger ...”’

Surah 24:54

- (a)** **(i)** What is the Sunnah in Islam? [3]
- (ii)** Describe how the Sunnah is used with the Qur’an. [4]
- (b)** Explain the importance of the Sunnah for Muslims. [7]
- (c)** ‘Reciting the Qur’an strengthens faith.’
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)** State **three** of the main Jewish beliefs about God. [3]
- (ii)** Give **four** ways in which Jews observe the Covenant in their lives. [4]
- (b)** Explain the importance of the Covenant relationship to Jews today. [7]
- (c)** 'Living in separate communities is the only way Jews can follow God's laws.'
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)** List **three** of the Ten Commandments. [3]
- (ii)** Where are the Ten Commandments usually found in a synagogue and why? [4]
- (b)** Explain why the Ten Commandments are important to Jews. [7]
- (c)** 'Sacred objects add nothing to worship.'
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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