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Paper 2 **October/November 2022**

1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** question in total:
  - You must answer from **two** sections.
  - In each of your chosen sections, you must answer all of the parts of **two** of the questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **four** questions in total. You must answer from **two** sections.

Section A – Christianity

If you have chosen this section answer **all** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

1 **(a)** Describe what happens in churches during Holy Week. [7]

(b) Explain why Christians might think it is important to celebrate festivals with church services. [7]

(c) 'All Christian festivals are of equal importance.'
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]

[Total: 20]

2 **(a)** Describe a ceremony of infant baptism. [7]

(b) Explain why some Christians consider infant baptism to be important. [7]

(c) 'It is important at an infant baptism that the people chosen as godparents are 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]

[Total: 20]

3 **(a)** Give an account of some of the ways in which the teaching of 'Love your neighbour' might be practised by Christians. [7]

(b) Explain why Christians should not worry about possessions. [7]

(c) 'Thinking about people who are suffering helps people to become better 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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Section B – Islam

If you have chosen this section answer **all** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

4 **(a)** Describe what Muslims do to ensure they are in the state of purity before they enter Makkah for hajj. [7]

(b) Explain the historical significance of Makkah in Islam. [7]

(c) 'Equality is the most important feature of hajj.'
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]

[Total: 20]

5 **(a)** Describe some of the thoughts and actions considered haram in Islam. [7]

(b) Explain why Shariah law is an important part of life for a Muslim. [7]

(c) 'It is important for Muslims to choose carefully the types of job they do.'
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]

[Total: 20]

6 **(a)** Describe the traditional teaching in Islam on bringing up children. [7]

(b) Explain the ways in which Muslims care for elderly people in a family. [7]

(c) 'It is important for Muslim children to always follow the example of their parents.'
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** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

7 **(a)** Describe what happens at the festival of Shavuot (Feast of Weeks). [7]

(b) Explain the significance of the customs carried out at Shavuot (Feast of Weeks). [7]

(c) 'Celebrating past events is still relevant today.'
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]

[Total: 20]

8 **(a)** Give an account of what Jewish children are taught about charity and the use of pushkes (collection boxes). [7]

(b) Explain Jewish teachings about personal wealth. [7]

(c) 'Some ways of performing charity are better than others.'
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]

[Total: 20]

9 **(a)** Give an account of the customs that are observed by the family after a Jewish funeral. [7]

(b) Explain how Jewish mourning customs might help people after a death. [7]

(c) 'Mourners benefit from funerals being simple occasions.'
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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