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RELIGIOUS STUDIES **0490/12**

Paper 1 Worship, Beliefs, Scriptures and Sacred Places **October/November 2025**

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** questions in total:
  - You must answer from **two** sections.
  - In each of your chosen sections, you must answer **two** 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, you must answer **two** questions.

1 **(a)** **(i)** Name **two** forms of worship that might take place in a church. [2]

(ii) Outline the use of the chalice **and** the paten in Christian worship. [4]

(b) Explain why the Bible might be important for Christians during private worship. [6]

(c) Discuss the significance of having statues in the church for different Christian traditions.

You must refer to Christianity in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]

[Total: 20]

2 **(a)** **(i)** Identify **two** things Christians believe happened after Jesus' death. [2]

(ii) Describe the role of **two** important people in the life of Jesus. [4]

(b) Explain why belief in God as the Father is important for some Christians. [6]

(c) Assess the importance of believing in the Trinity for different Christian traditions.

You must refer to Christianity in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]

[Total: 20]

3 **(a)** **(i)** Give **two** effects a pilgrimage might have on a Christian. [2]

(ii) Describe the Way of the Cross in Jerusalem. [4]

(b) Explain why Rome might be an important place for pilgrimage for some Christians. [6]

(c) Evaluate whether overcoming physical challenges is the most important part of Christian pilgrimage.

You must refer to Christianity in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]

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Section B – Islam

If you have chosen this section, you must answer **two** questions.

4 **(a)** **(i)** Name any **two** Caliphs. [2]

(ii) Outline what sawm requires of Muslims. [4]

(b) Explain why the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was persecuted in Makkah. [6]

(c) Discuss the significance of the restrictions on Muslim life given in the Qurʾan.

You must refer to Islam in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]

[Total: 20]

5 **(a)** **(i)** Name the place where stones are thrown during the Hajj, **and** state what they are thrown at. [2]

(ii) Outline the physical challenges that Hajj might involve for Muslims. [4]

(b) Explain the significance of the stand on the plain at ʿArafat. [6]

(c) Assess whether wearing ihram is the most important part of Hajj for Muslims.

You must refer to Islam in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]

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6 **(a)** **(i)** State what a mihrab is **and** what it is used for. [2]

(ii) Name **two** artefacts used in Muslim worship, **and** state what they are used for. [4]

(b) Explain why it is important for Muslims to treat the Qurʾan respectfully. [6]

(c) Evaluate the importance of the mosque as a centre of the Muslim community.

You must refer to Islam in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]

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Section C – Judaism

If you have chosen this section, you must answer **two** questions.

7 **(a)** **(i)** Give the name of the plaited bread, **and** state when it is eaten. [2]

(ii) Outline the symbolism of the tallit. [4]

(b) Explain why the ner tamid is an important feature of a synagogue. [6]

(c) Evaluate different Jewish views about the importance of public worship.

You must refer to Judaism in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]

[Total: 20]

8 **(a)** **(i)** Give **two** ways that Jews might keep the memory of the Temple alive. [2]

(ii) Describe **one** of the sites of significance at Yad Vashem. [4]

(b) Explain why some Jews might choose to use ‘Shoah’ as a name for the Holocaust. [6]

(c) Discuss whether pilgrimage is an important religious practice for Jews.

You must refer to Judaism in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]

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9 **(a)** **(i)** Name **one** person Jews believe G-d made a covenant with, **and** state **one** of the promises given in that covenant. [2]

(ii) State **four** Jewish beliefs about the nature of G-d. [4]

(b) Explain why Jews might consider the Torah a revelation from G-d. [6]

(c) Discuss whether the negative mitzvot are the most significant rules for Jewish life.

You must refer to Judaism in your answer. Your response should consider different points of view when you evaluate the question. [8]

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