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RELIGIOUS STUDIES **0490/13**

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** sites of Christian pilgrimage in Rome. [2]

(ii) Outline a ritual that might take place at the Lourdes Grotto. [4]

(b) Explain why Papal audiences might be important to some Christians. [6]

(c) Discuss whether going on pilgrimage is an important duty for all Christians.

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)** State what a pulpit is **and** what it is used for. [2]

(ii) Outline how a baptistery is used. [4]

(b) Explain what 'acts of devotion' might mean for individual Christians. [6]

(c) Evaluate the importance of using artefacts in worship for different Christian communities.

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)** Name **two** of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. [2]

(ii) Outline what Christians believe happened at Jesus' trials. [4]

(b) Explain why the Bible might be considered a source of authority. [6]

(c) Discuss the significance of the restrictions in the Ten Commandments for Christian life.

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

[Total: 20]

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Section B – Islam

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

4 **(a)** **(i)** Name **two** of the key features of a mosque. [2]

(ii) Outline the sequence of the rakʿahs. [4]

(b) Explain why dhikr might be a significant devotional practice for Muslims. [6]

(c) Assess the significance of the role of the imam in different Muslim communities.

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 **two** of the Five Pillars of Islam. [2]

(ii) Outline **two** of the Six Articles of Faith. [4]

(b) Explain the difference between Sunni and Shiʿah beliefs about the successor of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). [6]

(c) Evaluate different views on the importance of the Shahadah in Muslim life.

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

[Total: 20]

6 **(a)** **(i)** Name the **two** hills Muslims run between during the Hajj. [2]

(ii) Outline the historic importance of Madinah for Muslims. [4]

(b) Explain how ʿUmrah is different from the Hajj. [6]

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

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)** Identify **two** things a Jew might do to honour the dead at Yad Vashem. [2]

(ii) Outline spiritual goals Jews might have for a pilgrimage to the site of the Temple. [4]

(b) Explain how the Ark **and** the ner tamid being in the synagogue might remind Jews of the Temple. [6]

(c) Evaluate different Jewish views on the importance of remembering the Holocaust.

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)** Name what is kept in the aron ha-kodesh, **and** name the place in the synagogue this is read from. [2]

(ii) Outline how Jews welcome Shabbat into the home. [4]

(b) Explain why communal worship might be important to some Jews. [6]

(c) Discuss whether ritual dress is a necessary aspect of worship for all Jews.

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

[Total: 20]

9 **(a)** **(i)** State what is meant by the terms ‘omnipotent’ **and** ‘omnipresent’. [2]

(ii) Outline the covenant between G-d and Abraham. [4]

(b) Explain why Jews might use the Torah as a source of moral principles. [6]

(c) Discuss whether the belief that G-d is just has an impact on the daily life of 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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