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RELIGIOUS STUDIES **0490/22**

Paper 2 Festivals, Fasts, Family Life and Social Action **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)** State **two** promises made by godparents at an infant baptism. [2]

(ii) Outline **two** key features of a believer's baptism. [4]

(b) Explain the importance of becoming a full member of a church community. [6]

(c) Discuss the significance of different Christian funeral rituals.

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** signs that showed the Holy Spirit was present at Pentecost. [2]

(ii) Outline what happened straight after the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles. [4]

(b) Explain why some Christians remember Jesus' death and resurrection. [6]

(c) Evaluate whether Easter celebrations in the modern world still show the true meaning of Easter.

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** ways in which a Christian can give to others. [2]

(ii) Outline what Christians mean by 'agape'. [4]

(b) Explain why a Christian might want to be a steward of the Earth. [6]

(c) Assess the importance of caring for others in Christianity.

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)** Give **two** groups of people who do **not** have to fast during Ramadan. [2]

(ii) Outline what Muslims do during ʿId al-Fitr. [4]

(b) Explain why observing festivals is significant to Muslim communities. [6]

(c) Evaluate whether fasting is only important to the Muslim who fasts.

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)** Identify **two** things done to prepare the body of a Muslim for burial. [2]

(ii) Outline the process of khulʿ in Islam. [4]

(b) Explain the importance of birth rites in Islam. [6]

(c) Evaluate whether it is easy for Muslims to live a halal lifestyle in the modern world.

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)** Identify **two** things about ijmaʿ. [2]

(ii) Outline the work of Muslim Aid in the relief of poverty. [4]

(b) Explain why Muslims try to give sadaqah. [6]

(c) Evaluate whether it is more important for Muslims to help the local community than the worldwide 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 **two** special foods eaten at Rosh Hashanah. [2]

(ii) Outline how Jews might observe Sukkot. [4]

(b) Explain the social significance of observing Rosh Hashanah. [6]

(c) Evaluate the importance of remembering past events in Judaism.

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** treyfah food items. [2]

(ii) Outline responsibilities of Jewish women in the home. [4]

(b) Explain the role of the Chevra Kaddisha. [6]

(c) Assess how much traditional Jewish family life has changed in the modern world.

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)** Give **two** facts about pushkes. [2]

(ii) Outline Jewish teachings about gemilut hasadim. [4]

(b) Explain what it means for a Jew to be a steward of the Earth. [6]

(c) Evaluate how easy it is for Jews to show kindness to others.

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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