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RELIGIOUS STUDIES **0490/23**

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** ways in which Advent might be marked in church. [2]

(ii) Describe how Christians might observe Lent. [4]

(b) Explain why Epiphany is important for many Christians. [6]

(c) Evaluate whether it is only Christians who can truly observe Christmas.

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** roles of men in Christian family life. [2]

(ii) Outline what happens at the sacrament of Last Rites. [4]

(b) Explain the importance of family life in Christianity. [6]

(c) Assess different views on the importance of adult baptism in Christianity.

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)** State **two** things a Christian could do as a steward of the Earth. [2]

(ii) Outline what Christian missionary work involves. [4]

(b) Explain the importance of the Two Greatest Commandments to a Christian's daily life. [6]

(c) Evaluate whether being concerned for a person's spiritual needs is more important than being concerned for their physical needs.

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)** Identify **two** things Muslims do during ʿId al-Fitr. [2]

(ii) Outline what happens during ʿId al-Adha. [4]

(b) Explain why observing the fast of Ramadan is important to Muslims. [6]

(c) Discuss how important it is for Muslims to observe a festival in the same way at all times.

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)** State **two** things parents could do to raise their children as Muslims. [2]

(ii) Outline **two** views Muslims might have about what the purpose of life is. [4]

(b) Explain challenges some Muslims might face when trying to maintain traditional family life. [6]

(c) Evaluate the significance of belief in akhirah 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)** State **two** sources of Shariʿah. [2]

(ii) Outline the purpose of the ummah. [4]

(b) Explain why showing concern for others is important to Muslims. [6]

(c) Evaluate whether wealth belongs to human beings as well as to God.

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** of the four species of plant used at Sukkot. [2]

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

(b) Explain why Jews build sukkah **and** how they use them. [6]

(c) Evaluate different views on whether Yom Kippur is the most important Jewish festival.

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)** Identify **two** things about a chuppah. [2]

(ii) Outline kashrut laws for a Jewish kitchen. [4]

(b) Explain different Jewish attitudes towards remarriage. [6]

(c) Evaluate the importance of a boy becoming Bar Mitzvah for different Jewish communities.

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 **two** things that Jews believe about G-d's creation of the world. [2]

(ii) Outline what is meant by tikkun olam. [4]

(b) Explain how the work done by Tzedek is motivated by Jewish teachings. [6]

(c) Evaluate the importance of stewardship 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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