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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

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Paper 1

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**1 hour 45 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Choose **two** of Sections A, B and C and answer **all** the questions in each of your chosen sections.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Choose **two** of Sections A, B and C and answer **all** the questions in each of your chosen sections.

### Section A – Christianity

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 1 (a) (i) Name two days connected with Lent which are of special importance for Christians. [2]
- (ii) Describe the ways Lent might be different from other times of year for Christians. [5]
- (b) Explain why the period leading up to Easter is an important time for Christians. [7]
- (c) 'It helps us to become better people if we spend time thinking about suffering.'  
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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**Christian volunteers helping to pack bottled water for earthquake victims.**

- (a) (i) Give the name of **two** aid organisations run by Christians. [2]
- (ii) Describe the work of **one** of these organisations. [5]
- (b) Explain why Christians believe it is important to help people who are in need. [7]
- (c) 'Everyone should give as much money as they can afford to the poor.'  
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]

## Section B – Islam

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 3 (a) (i) What is Zakah? [3]
- (ii) State **four** types of people who are entitled to receive Zakah. [4]
- (b) Explain why the Shahadah is an important part of a Muslim's faith. [7]
- (c) 'The Five Pillars should apply equally to men and to women.'  
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]

- 4 'Those who reject (Truth), among the People of the Book and among the Polytheists, will be in Hell-Fire, to dwell therein (for aye). They are the worst of creatures. Those who have faith and do righteous deeds, – they are the best of creatures. Their reward is with Allah. Gardens of Eternity, beneath which rivers flow; they will dwell therein for ever; Allah will pleased with them, and they with Him: all this for such as fear their Lord and Cherisher.'

*The Qur'an. Surah 98:6-8*

*[Text from Abdullah Yusuf Ali]*

- (a) Describe Muslim beliefs about life after death. [7]
- (b) Explain how Muslim beliefs about life after death influence the way Muslims lead their lives. [7]
- (c) 'You should just live your life without worrying about what might happen after you die.'  
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]

## Section C – Judaism

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 5 (a) (i) Give **three** reasons why Abraham is an important person in Jewish tradition. [3]
- (ii) List **four** events from the life of Moses which are important for Jews. [4]
- (b) Explain how belief in a covenant relationship with God affects the daily lives of Jews. [7]
- (c) 'It is impossible to learn anything useful from the lives of Abraham and Moses, because they lived so long ago and people are different now.'  
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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*Dear Ben, congratulations on becoming Bar Mitzvah!  
We're so proud of you and looking forward to seeing you  
for this big day.*

*Much love, Auntie and Uncle.*

- (a) (i) Describe what happens when a Jewish boy becomes Bar Mitzvah. [5]
- (ii) What is the name for the similar occasion for girls and at what age does it take place? [2]
- (b) Explain the responsibilities of a Jewish adult male in worship and in the home. [7]
- (c) 'Religious occasions are the best way of keeping families and communities together.'  
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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