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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

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Paper 2

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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 **TWO** of 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.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.



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

### Section A – Christianity

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the parts in **two** of the questions.

- 1 (a) Describe what happens at a Christian funeral. [7]
- (b) Explain what Christians believe about resurrection. [7]
- (c) 'Religious believers should not be afraid of death.'  
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]
- 2 (a) Describe Christian teaching on the roles and responsibilities of men and women. [7]
- (b) Explain why marriage and the family are important in Christianity. [7]
- (c) Are men and women equal in Christianity?  
Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]
- 3 (a) Describe **one** place of Christian pilgrimage and what is done there. [7]
- (b) Explain why Christians go on pilgrimage. [7]
- (c) 'Christians do not need to go on a journey to be close to God.'  
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** parts of **two** of the questions.

- 4 (a) Describe the ceremonies which take place at the beginning of a baby's life in Islam. [7]
- (b) Explain why these ceremonies are important in Islam. [7]
- (c) 'The ummah makes Islam different from other religions.'  
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]
- 5 (a) Describe how a Muslim practises Salah. [7]
- (b) Explain why Salah is important to Muslims. [7]
- (c) 'Salah is the most important of the Five Pillars.'  
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]
- 6 (a) Describe a Muslim marriage ceremony. [7]
- (b) Explain why Muslims value traditional teaching about women. [7]
- (c) Is it important that men and women have different roles in Islam?  
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 parts of **two** of the questions.

- 7 (a) Describe Jewish teachings about love and concern for others. [7]
- (b) Explain the ways in which Jews might practise these teachings in their lives today. [7]
- (c) 'Looking after people in your own community is more important than supporting worldwide charity.'  
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]
- 8 (a) Describe the laws of kashrut as they apply to food. [7]
- (b) Explain why some Jews believe it is important to keep the food laws exactly. [7]
- (c) 'Kashrut food laws are outdated.'  
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]
- 9 (a) Describe what Jews do on Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). [7]
- (b) Explain why Yom Kippur is a very important day for Jews. [7]
- (c) 'Being sorry for only one day a year is not enough.'  
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]