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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Paper 1

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
You must answer from **two** sections.
In each of your chosen sections, you must answer **all** the 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 [].

This document has 4 pages.

Answer **four** questions in total. You must answer from **two** sections.

Section A – Christianity

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

- 1 (a) (i) Briefly describe what is meant by the term 'myth'. [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe the way the contents of the Bible are organised. [4]
- (b) Explain what the Trinity teaches Christians about the nature of God. [7]
- (c) 'Regular services of reconciliation are essential for Christians.'
- 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]

[Total: 20]

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'But I pray to you, Lord, in the time of your favour; in your great love oh God, answer me with your sure salvation.'

Psalm 69:13

- (a) (i) Give **three** forms of private devotion for Christians. [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe how Christians use the font/baptistery. [4]
- (b) Explain why some Christians might find it important to use the Bible during church services. [7]
- (c) 'Thanksgiving is the most important religious practice for Christians.'
- 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]

[Total: 20]

Section B – Islam

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

- 3 (a) (i) Briefly describe what happens during Jummah (Friday mid-day prayer). [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe what it means to say that Muhammad (pbuh) is the Seal of the Prophets. [4]
- (b) Explain the significance of the concept of Tawhid (unity of God) for Muslims. [7]
- (c) 'Understanding akhirah (life after death) helps Muslims in their lives.'
- 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]

[Total: 20]

4

**'Wherever you are, Oh Prophet, turn your face towards the sacred mosque.
And wherever you believers are, face towards it so that people will have no argument
against you.'**

Surah 2:150

- (a) (i) Give **three** things the adhan (call to prayer) tells Muslims. [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe the role of an imam. [4]
- (b) Explain why qiblah (direction) is significant in Muslim worship. [7]
- (c) 'Praying in private is as important as praying in public.'
- 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]

[Total: 20]

Section C – Judaism

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

- 5 (a) (i) Give **three** symbols that might be found in a synagogue. [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe the contents of the Torah. [4]
- (b) Explain how the treatment of the Sefer Torah (Torah scrolls) shows its importance. [7]
- (c) ‘Torah law is relevant even though the world has changed.’
- 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]

[Total: 20]

6

**‘For there will never cease to be needy ones in your land, which is why I command you:
Open your hand to the poor and needy kin in your land.’**

Deuteronomy 15:11

- (a) (i) Give **three** instructions given to Jews in the Shema (statement of faith). [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe how the Mishnah (oral law) developed. [4]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Covenant relationship for understanding Judaism. [7]
- (c) ‘All Jews need to be part of a Jewish community.’
- 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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