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Religious Studies

Unit 1: Religion and life based on a study of Christianity and at least one other religion

Tuesday 17 May 2011 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

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You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION 1 – BELIEVING IN GOD

You must answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

- 1 (a) What does **omniscient** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think science proves God did not create the world?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why evil and suffering may lead some people not to believe in God. (8)
- (d) "Miracles cannot happen today."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What does **agnosticism** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think a religious upbringing makes children believe in God?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain, with examples, how television programmes and/or radio programmes
and/or films might affect a person's attitude to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "The world is so beautiful it must have been designed by God."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

You must answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

- 3 (a) What is **euthanasia**? (2)
- (b) Do you agree that the media should be allowed to criticise what religions say about matters of life and death?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some non-religious people believe in life after death. (8)
- (d) "The law on abortion should be changed."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4 (a) What is meant by **near-death experience**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that euthanasia should be legal in the UK?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some followers of **one religion other than Christianity** do not agree with abortion. (8)
- (d) "Life after death is impossible."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5** (a) What is **promiscuity**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that sex outside marriage is acceptable?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians accept homosexuality and some do not. (8)
- (d) "A religious family is a happy family."
In your answer you should refer to at least **one religion other than Christianity**.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6** (a) What is a **civil partnership**? (2)
- (b) Do you think all religious people should accept divorce?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Choose **one religion other than Christianity** and explain why most of its followers do not accept sex outside marriage. (8)
- (d) "Contraception should be accepted by all religious people."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What is meant by **discrimination**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that women should have the same religious rights as men?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why the government encourages community cohesion. (8)
- (d) "All religious people should try to convert others to their religion."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8 (a) What is **religious freedom**? (2)
- (b) Do you think living in a multi-faith society causes problems for religious people?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why Christians should promote racial harmony. (8)
- (d) "Men and women are still not treated equally in the UK."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)



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