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# Religious Studies

**Unit 8: Religion and society based on a study of Christianity and at least one other religion**

Monday 23 May 2011 – Morning

**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS08/01**

**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 – RELIGION: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

### EITHER

- 1 (a) What is meant by **social change**? (2)
- (b) Should everybody's human rights be protected?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some Christians believe they should follow their conscience when making moral decisions. (8)
- (d) "No Christian should agree with cloning."  
In your answer you should refer to Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 2 (a) What does **political party** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think sixteen year olds should be allowed to vote?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why human rights are important for Christians. (8)
- (d) "All decisions should be based on situation ethics."  
In your answer you should refer to Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)



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## SECTION 2 – RELIGION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL ISSUES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 3 (a) Give **two** examples of organs that can be donated. (2)
- (b) Do you think more should be done to find the answers to pollution?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why some of its followers agree with infertility treatment and some do not. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should do more than anyone else to protect the environment."  
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 **natural resources**? (2)
- (b) Do you think pollution will spoil the planet?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why Christians should look after the environment. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should donate their organs when they die."  
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)

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### SECTION 3 – RELIGION: PEACE AND CONFLICT

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What does the word **respect** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think bullies should always be excluded from school?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why wars happen, using examples from at least one current conflict. (8)
- (d) "The United Nations has done more to encourage world peace than religion has."  
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 5 = 20 marks)

#### OR

- 6 (a) What is meant by **weapons of mass destruction**? (2)
- (b) Do you think there can ever be a just war?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why Christians believe forgiveness is important. (8)
- (d) "Religion causes more harm than good in families."  
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)

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## SECTION 4 – RELIGION: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What is meant by **addiction**? (2)
- (b) Do you think punishment changes people's behaviour?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why some non-religious people agree with capital punishment and some do not. (8)
- (d) "Christians should never drink alcohol."  
In your answer you should refer to **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 7 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 8 (a) What is **rehabilitation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should support capital punishment?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Choose **one** religion other than *Christianity* and explain why its followers may be for **and/or** against drinking alcohol. (8)
- (d) "Prisons do not reform criminals."  
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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