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RELIGIOUS STUDIES   **0490/22**

Paper 2   **October/November 2024**

                                                        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 of the parts of **two** of 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.

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Section A – Christianity

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

1 **(a)** Describe what happens at an infant baptism ceremony. [7]

 (b) Explain why a Christian might have a confirmation ceremony. [7]

 (c) 'Infant baptism makes a big difference to the child's future.'

 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]

2 **(a)** Describe different practices of personal giving in Christianity. [7]

 (b) Explain why showing love and concern for others is important to Christians. [7]

 (c) 'Giving to charity is the most important practice for a Christian.'

 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]

3 **(a)** Describe teachings on the responsibilities of the Christian family. [7]

 (b) Explain why Christians believe they should get married. [7]

 (c) 'Following traditional teachings on family life is too difficult for Christians in today's world.'

 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** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

4 (a) Describe a Muslim marriage ceremony.   [7]

(b) Explain why Muslims believe caring for the family is important.   [7]

(c) 'Raising a child in the Islamic faith is easy in today's world.'

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]

5 (a) Describe Shariah (law) as a code of behaviour for Muslims.   [7]

(b) Explain how belonging to the ummah might affect the daily lives of Muslims.   [7]

(c) 'Shariah (law) is a complete code of behaviour in today's world.'

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]

6 (a) Describe the work of **one** Islamic aid organisation for the relief of poverty.   [7]

(b) Explain why the giving of zakah is important in Islam.   [7]

(c) 'Giving sadaqah (voluntary contributions) is the best charitable act for Muslims.'

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** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

7   **(a)** Give an account of tzedaka (righteous giving).   [7]

   (b) Explain why Jews might work for the relief of poverty.   [7]

   (c) 'It is more important for Jews to help their local community than the international 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]

[Total: 20]

8   **(a)** Outline a Bar Mitzvah **and** a Bat Mitzvah ceremony.   [7]

   (b) Explain how traditional Jewish family life benefits a young person.   [7]

   (c) 'Jewish marriage is nothing more than a legal contract between two people.'

   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]

9   **(a)** Give an account of what happens on the day of a Jewish funeral.   [7]

   (b) Explain how observing Shiva (mourning ritual) might help Jews.   [7]

   (c) 'Brit Milah (circumcision) is the most important ceremony in the life of a Jewish male.'

   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]