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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**0490/02**

Paper 2

**For Examination from 2011**

SPECIMEN PAPER

**1 hour 45 minutes**

No Additional Materials are required.

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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 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.

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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 the types of literature found in the Bible. [7]
- (b)** Explain why the Bible is important for Christians. [7]
- (c)** ‘The best way to learn about Christianity is to study the Bible.’  
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion **and** show that you have thought about other points of view. [6]
- 2 (a)** Describe the words and actions used at an infant baptism. [7]
- (b)** Explain why, in Christianity, both infant and believers’ baptism are important rites of passage. [7]
- (c)** ‘Children should not be baptised until they are old enough to decide for themselves.’  
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion **and** show that you have thought about other points of view. [6]
- 3 (a)** Describe what happened at the first Pentecost. [7]
- (b)** Explain why Pentecost is an important festival for Christians. [7]
- (c)** ‘Public worship strengthens the Christian community.’  
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion **and** show that you have thought about other points of view. [6]

**Section B – Islam**

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

- 4 (a)** Describe the differences between Sunni and Shi'ah Muslims. [7]
- (b)** Explain the importance of Makkah to all Muslims. [7]
- (c)** 'The beliefs Muslims share are more important than their differences.'
- Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion **and** show that you have thought about other points of view. [6]
- 5 (a)** Describe the celebration of Id al-Fitr (the end of Ramadan). [7]
- (b)** Explain why observing the Five Pillars is important for Muslims. [7]
- (c)** 'Fasting is more important than festivals.'
- 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 how Muslims show respect for the Qur'an. [7]
- (b)** Explain the importance of the Qur'an in Muslim life. [7]
- (c)** 'The teachings in the Qur'an are only for Muslims.'
- Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion **and** show that you have thought about other points of view. [6]

### Section C – Judaism

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

- 7 (a) Describe the main religious features of a synagogue. [7]
- (b) Explain the importance of the synagogue for a Jewish community. [7]
- (c) Is prayer more sincere if it is done in private?
- 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 types of literature found in the Tenakh. [7]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Torah in Jewish life. [7]
- (c) 'It is more important to live according to God's law than to celebrate festivals.'
- 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 happens at a Jewish funeral. [7]
- (b) Explain why Shiva is an important mourning ritual for Jews. [7]
- (c) 'Religious rituals and ceremonies are the best way to cope with death.'
- 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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