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Religious Studies

Paper 1

Tuesday 15 May 2012 – Afternoon

Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Paper Reference

4RS0/01

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.
- You must attempt both Part 1 and Part 2.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the four **sections in Part 1**, and **any TWO questions from Part 2**.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 130.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- You must attempt both Part 1 and Part 2.

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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PART 1: BELIEFS AND VALUES

There are four sections in this part of the question paper. Answer **ONE** question from **EACH** section.

Section A: The universe, human beings and their destiny

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

EITHER

- 1 (a) What is meant by **sin**? (2)
- (b) Outline **three** ways in which human beings can show that they care for the planet. (5)
- (c) Explain how a belief in judgement may influence the way some people live their lives. (8)
- (d) "Nothing exists apart from the physical world."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **ONE named religion**. (5)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What is a **cyclical** view of human life? (2)
- (b) Choose **one** religion. Outline its teachings about human responsibility for injustice. (5)
- (c) Explain why some people believe that human beings should not be held responsible for their actions. (8)
- (d) "Animals have no rights."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **ONE named religion**. (5)

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)



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Section B: Ultimate reality and the meaning of life

Answer ONE question from this section.

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- 3** (a) What is religious **liberation**? (2)
- (b) Choose **one** religion. Outline its teachings about euthanasia. (5)
- (c) Explain why the search for meaning and purpose in life may lead to, or support, belief in God. (8)
- (d) "There is plenty of evidence that God is benevolent."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **ONE named religion**. (5)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4** (a) What is **agnosticism**? (2)
- (b) Outline beliefs about the ultimate reality which do not include reference to God. (5)
- (c) Explain why the existence of moral evil in the world may lead some people to reject belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Religion stops people living this life to the full."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **ONE named religion**. (5)

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Section C: Relationships, families and children

Answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What is **homosexuality**? (2)
- (b) Choose **one** religion. Outline its teachings about the purposes of marriage. (5)
- (c) Explain how the roles of men and women within the family are changing. (8)
- (d) "Religious objections to contraception should be ignored."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **ONE named religion**. (5)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6 (a) What is **cohabitation**? (2)
- (b) Outline **differing** religious responses to childlessness. (5)
- (c) Explain why some religious people are against remarriage. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should only accept heterosexual relationships."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **ONE named religion**. (5)

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Section D: Rights, equality and responsibilities

Answer ONE question from this section.

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- 7** (a) Give **two** examples of **gender bias**. (2)
- (b) Describe **one** example of an interfaith relationship in practice. (5)
- (c) Explain, using examples, how religious people can work to overcome prejudice and discrimination. (8)
- (d) "Freedom of religion is the most important human right."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **ONE named religion**. (5)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8** (a) What is the **right to liberty**? (2)
- (b) Choose **one** religion. Outline its teachings about responsibility for the poor. (5)
- (c) Explain why non-religious people may have **differing** views about the status and role of women in society. (8)
- (d) "Religious people have a duty to proselytise."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least **ONE named religion**. (5)

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PART 2: THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

There are 18 questions in this part of the question paper. Answer any TWO questions.

Section A: Buddhism

- 9 (a) Outline **three** events connected with the birth of the Buddha. (10)
- (b) Explain why the Buddha's experience of the four sights was so important in his religious development. (10)
- (c) "Human existence is all about suffering."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Buddhism**. (5)

(Total for Question 9 = 25 marks)

- 10 (a) Outline ways in which Buddhists can apply the Five Precepts in their lives. (10)
- (b) Explain why the rules of the Vinaya are important in the Sangha. (10)
- (c) "The Five Precepts can only be practised by those who devote their lives to religion."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Buddhism**. (5)

(Total for Question 10 = 25 marks)

- 11 (a) Outline **three** ways in which Buddhist communities use the vihara. (10)
- (b) Explain why Sarnath is an important place for Buddhists. (10)
- (c) "Pilgrimage is an essential part of religious life for Buddhists."
Do you agree?
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Buddhism**. (5)

(Total for Question 11 = 25 marks)



Section B: Christianity

12 (a) Outline Jesus' teaching about discipleship. (10)

(b) Explain why the baptism of Jesus is important for Christians today. (10)

(c) "Christian discipleship is all about unquestioning faith and obedience."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Christianity**.

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(Total for Question 12 = 25 marks)

13 (a) Outline **three** of the ways in which Christians celebrate Christmas. (10)

(b) Explain why celebration of the Eucharist (Communion/Mass/Lord's Supper) is such a key focus of Christian worship. (10)

(c) "Christmas should be a purely religious celebration."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Christianity**.

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(Total for Question 13 = 25 marks)

14 (a) Describe **two** of the activities of Christian pilgrims when they visit Jerusalem. (10)

(b) Choose the place of worship of any **one named Christian denomination**. Explain how **three** of its internal features are significant as symbols of Christian belief and practice. (10)

(c) "Christian communities should not waste their money on expensive church buildings."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Christianity**.

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(Total for Question 14 = 25 marks)



Section C: Hinduism

15 (a) Outline the teachings of **either** Sri Ramakrishna **or** Mahatma Gandhi about other religions. (10)

(b) Explain why Ramanuja is regarded as important in the development of Hinduism. (10)

(c) "Only the teachings of one religion can be true."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Hinduism**.

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(Total for Question 15 = 25 marks)

16 (a) Outline **three** of the four stages of life described in the Code of Manu. (10)

(b) Explain how the principle of ahimsa can influence the lives of Hindus. (10)

(c) "No one can practise ahimsa consistently."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Hinduism**.

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(Total for Question 16 = 25 marks)

17 (a) Outline **three** forms of devotion in a Hindu home. (10)

(b) Explain why **either** Raksha Bandan **or** Holi is an important Hindu festival. (10)

(c) "Festivals are essential for keeping religious communities together."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Hinduism**.

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(Total for Question 17 = 25 marks)



Section D: Islam

18 (a) Outline beliefs about the Imam in Shi'ah Islam. (10)

(b) Explain why the ulema have an important role in Muslim communities. (10)

(c) "Religious people should not be expected to live up to the standards set by religious leaders all the time."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Islam**.

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(Total for Question 18 = 25 marks)

19 (a) Describe the actions Muslims perform at any **one** of the five daily prayers. (10)

(b) Explain why ceremonies associated with death are important for Muslims. (10)

(c) "Birth ceremonies are essential for giving Muslim children a sense of identity and belonging."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Islam**.

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(Total for Question 19 = 25 marks)

20 (a) Describe **four** of the internal features of a mosque. (10)

(b) Explain how the hajj demonstrates the unity of the ummah. (10)

(c) "Pilgrimages have no more spiritual value than going on holiday."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Islam**.

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(Total for Question 20 = 25 marks)



Section E: Judaism

21 (a) Outline **four** of the basic principles of faith which Maimonides said Jews ought to believe. (10)

(b) Explain why the life of Abraham provides an important example for Jews to follow today. (10)

(c) "People should always obey God whatever he commands."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Judaism**.

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(Total for Question 21 = 25 marks)

22 (a) Outline **three** customs of, or attitudes towards, dress in Judaism. (10)

(b) Explain why the Mitzvot are regarded as the basis of Jewish life. (10)

(c) "Religion should play no part in deciding people's dress code."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Judaism**.

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(Total for Question 22 = 25 marks)

23 (a) Describe the celebration of Rosh Hashanah in the synagogue. (10)

(b) Explain why symbolism plays an important part in worship in Judaism. (10)

(c) "The symbols of a religion cut its followers off from others in society."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Judaism**.

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(Total for Question 23 = 25 marks)



Section F: Sikhism

24 (a) Outline **three** ways in which the five Ks symbolise the Sikh way of life. (10)

(b) Explain why sewa is an important principle for Sikhs. (10)

(c) "Treating other people with respect is the only true worship of God."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Sikhism**.

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(Total for Question 24 = 25 marks)

25 (a) Outline **three** of the rituals which are performed when someone is initiated into the Khalsa. (10)

(b) Explain why celebration of the gurburbs is important in Sikhism. (10)

(c) "Religious festivals just provide an excuse for people to have a good time."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Sikhism**.

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(Total for Question 25 = 25 marks)

26 (a) Describe the symbolism used on the nishan sahib. (10)

(b) Explain why Sikhs have **differing** attitudes towards pilgrimage. (10)

(c) "The practice of religious traditions erects barriers between people."

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Sikhism**.

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(Total for Question 26 = 25 marks)

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