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# Religious Studies

## Paper 1

Monday 11 May 2015 – Morning  
**Time: 2 hours 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**4RS0/01**

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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.
- 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 for EACH section.

### Section A: The Universe, human beings and their destiny

Answer ONE question from this section.

#### EITHER

- 1 (a) What is **selfishness**? (2)
- (b) Outline non-religious beliefs about how the universe began. (5)
- (c) Explain differing religious views about the commonality of all living beings. (8)
- (d) "Free will is an important idea for non-religious 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 at least **one** named religion. (5)

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

#### OR

- 2 (a) What is meant by **afterlife**? (2)
- (b) Outline religious teachings about free will. (5)
- (c) Explain why some people believe that the world is nothing more than the physical world. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should not be selfish."  
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.**

**EITHER**

- 3** (a) What is meant by **euthanasia**? (2)
- (b) Outline religious teachings about the nature of God. (5)
- (c) Explain how a religious upbringing might lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "Only science can explain how the universe operates."  
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 **atheism**? (2)
- (b) Outline non-religious teachings about the purpose of life. (5)
- (c) Choose **one** religion. Explain why there are differing attitudes to abortion in this religion. (8)
- (d) "It only makes sense to believe in one 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 at least **one** named religion. (5)

**(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)**



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**Section C: Relationships, families and children**

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER**

- 5** (a) What is **adultery**? (2)
- (b) Outline religious attitudes to cohabitation. (5)
- (c) Explain why non-religious people have differing attitudes towards divorce. (8)
- (d) "Celibacy is the best way to make sure people concentrate on their 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 at least **one** named religion. (5)

**(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

- 6** (a) What is meant by the **rights of children**? (2)
- (b) Outline ways in which religious communities can help to support family life. (5)
- (c) Explain how non-religious people are responding to the changing nature of family life. (8)
- (d) "All non-religious people think promiscuity is acceptable."  
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.**

**EITHER**

- 7** (a) What is meant by a **multi-faith society**? (2)
- (b) Outline religious attitudes towards those with a disability. (5)
- (c) Choose **one** religion. Explain the differing views its followers have about the status of women in that religion. (8)
- (d) "There should be no limits on freedom of speech."  
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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**(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

- 8** (a) What is meant by **freedom of opinion**? (2)
- (b) Choose **one** religion. Outline how it promotes racial harmony. (5)
- (c) Explain why many religious people promote relationships between different religions. (8)
- (d) "Religious belief always leads to exclusivism."  
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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**(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR PART 1 = 80 MARKS**



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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 how a Buddhist might follow the example of the Buddha in seeking enlightenment. (10)
- (b) Explain why the Tripitaka is important for Buddhists. (10)
- (c) "The wheel of life is only a picture."  
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 how the Dhammapada is used by Buddhists. (10)
- (b) Explain why the vihara is important for Buddhists. (10)
- (c) "The Eightfold Path is easy to follow today."  
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 the activities that a Buddhist might take part in, at Kapilavastu and Bodh Gaya. (10)
- (b) Explain why Bodhisattvas are important for Buddhists today. (10)
- (c) "The rules of the vinaya are only important for monks and nuns."  
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 the ways in which **one** Christian, other than Jesus, contributed to Christianity. (10)
- (b) Explain why a place, other than Jerusalem and Bethlehem, is an important place of pilgrimage for some Christians. (10)
- (c) "Baptisms are only important for the parents."  
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**. (5)

(Total for Question 12 = 25 marks)

- 13** (a) Outline the main activities which take place during the celebration of the Eucharist/Communion/Mass/Lord's Supper. (10)
- (b) Explain how the Sermon on the Mount is applied in the lives of Christians today. (10)
- (c) "The life of Jesus shows Christians exactly how to live their lives."  
Give reasons for your opinion, showing that you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to **Christianity**. (5)

(Total for Question 13 = 25 marks)

- 14** (a) Outline the main activities which take place in a Christian marriage service. (10)
- (b) Explain why Easter is an important festival for Christians. (10)
- (c) "The Bible was only written by human beings."  
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**. (5)

(Total for Question 14 = 25 marks)



### Section C: Hinduism

15 (a) Outline, with examples, the significant features for Hindus in the stories associated with Krishna. (10)

(b) Explain why Rama is important for many Hindus. (10)

(c) "Aarti is an act of individual devotion."

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 how Diwali is celebrated by Hindus. (10)

(b) Explain why the Ganges is important for most Hindus. (10)

(c) "The Upanishads are extremely important today."

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 the main teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. (10)

(b) Explain why the Vedas are important for many Hindus. (10)

(c) "The five yamas no longer affect a Hindu's daily life."

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 the ceremonies associated with the birth of a Muslim child. (10)

(b) Explain why the imam is important for Sunni Muslims. (10)

(c) "A person does not have to complete the hajj to be a good Muslim."

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) Outline Muslim beliefs about Muhammad as the 'seal of the prophets'. (10)

(b) Explain why Id-ul-fitr is important for Muslims. (10)

(c) "Fasting achieves nothing."

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) Outline the main features of the Jum'a prayers. (10)

(b) Explain, with examples, how Muslims apply the principles of halal in their lives. (10)

(c) "The four Rightly-Guided Caliphs set an example for all Muslims."

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 different attitudes to tradition in the Jewish community. (10)

(b) Explain why Rosh Hashanah is important in the Jewish community. (10)

(c) "The inside of a synagogue should be plain and simple."

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, with examples, how the Mitzvot are used as the basis for the Jewish way of life. (10)

(b) Explain why Israel is important for the Jewish community. (10)

(c) "The Talmud is no longer important to the Jewish way of life."

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) Outline the purpose of Yad Vashem for the Jewish community. (10)

(b) Explain why the Halakhah is important in Judaism. (10)

(c) "Moses is just one prophet among many."

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, with examples, the symbolism of the five Ks. (10)

(b) Explain why Guru Nanak's teachings are important for Sikhs. (10)

(c) "Nit Nem is an essential part of the daily life of a Sikh."

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) Describe the main features of a gurdwara and how these features are used. (10)

(b) Explain why the granthi is important in the Sikh community. (10)

(c) "You do not have to follow the Rahit Maryada to be a true Sikh."

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) Outline the ways in which Amritsar is important for Sikhs. (10)

(b) Explain how the Guru Granth Sahib plays an important role in the Sikh community. (10)

(c) "Sewa is the most important part of Sikh living."

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)

**TOTAL FOR PART 2 = 50 MARKS**



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