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Religious Studies

Paper 1

Monday 15 May 2017 – Morning
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.
- 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 **dominance** (of human beings)? (2)
- (b) Choose **one** religion. Outline its teachings about life after death. (5)
- (c) Explain what non-religious people believe about the place of human beings in the universe. (8)
- (d) "Human nature is evil."
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 **free will**? (2)
- (b) Outline beliefs about sin as the root cause of human wrongdoing. (5)
- (c) Explain why some religious people believe they have a special responsibility for the planet. (8)
- (d) "Everything a person does is already determined."
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 B: Ultimate reality and the meaning of life

Answer ONE question from this section.

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- 3** (a) What does **benevolent** mean? (2)
- (b) Outline beliefs about causation as an argument for the existence of God. (5)
- (c) Explain why some people choose to be atheists. (8)
- (d) "The current law on abortion should be changed."
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 meant by (religious) **conversion**? (2)
- (b) Outline non-religious teachings about the value of life. (5)
- (c) Explain how some religious people respond to the problem of evil and suffering. (8)
- (d) "The current law on euthanasia should be changed."
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 meant by **pre-marital sex**? (2)
- (b) Outline non-religious attitudes to childlessness. (5)
- (c) Explain how religious communities can contribute to family life. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should accept divorce."
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 **celibacy**? (2)
- (b) Outline different religious attitudes towards homosexuality. (5)
- (c) Explain how religious people may respond to cohabitation. (8)
- (d) "Marriage is only a legal agreement between two 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)

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Section D: Rights, equality and responsibilities

Answer ONE question from this section.

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- 7** (a) What is meant by **compassion**? (2)
- (b) Outline differing non-religious attitudes towards women. (5)
- (c) Explain why most religious people support human rights. (8)
- (d) "There are more benefits in a multi-faith society than there are problems."
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 meant by **inclusivism**? (2)
- (b) Outline religious teachings about the responsibility of wealthy individuals towards the poor. (5)
- (c) Explain why some religious people are involved in proselytisation. (8)
- (d) "There should be no discrimination in religious communities against those with a disability."
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 how the rules of the Vinaya are applied in the Sangha. (10)
- (b) Explain why the relationship between bhikkhus and lay people is important. (10)
- (c) "The Four Noble Truths are out of date."
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 the main features of the Enlightenment of the Buddha. (10)
- (b) Explain why images of the Buddha may be used in worship. (10)
- (c) "It does not matter what a vihara looks like."
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 pilgrims perform at Sarnath and Bodh Gaya. (10)
- (b) Explain why the time the Buddha lived as an ascetic is important for some Buddhists today. (10)
- (c) "Mandalas are an important part of a Buddhist's worship."
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)

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Section B: Christianity

12 (a) Outline the main Christian views about the authority of the Bible. (10)

(b) Explain why pilgrimage to Jerusalem is important for some Christians today. (10)

(c) "The Ten Commandments are not important for Christians 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 **Christianity**.

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(Total for Question 12 = 25 marks)

13 (a) Outline the main features of the temptations of Jesus. (10)

(b) Explain why public worship is important for Christians. (10)

(c) "Christians must always follow their conscience."

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) Outline how the principle of love is shown in the lives of Christians today. (10)

(b) Explain why the death and resurrection of Jesus are important for Christians. (10)

(c) "Jesus is the only example that Christians need in their lives 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 **Christianity**.

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(Total for Question 14 = 25 marks)



Section C: Hinduism

- 15** (a) Outline the main activities a Hindu might perform in three of the samskaras. (10)
- (b) Explain why **either** Sri Ramakrishna **or** Mahatma Gandhi is important for many Hindus. (10)
- (c) "Sruti texts are the most important scriptures for Hindus."
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**. (5)

(Total for Question 15 = 25 marks)

- 16** (a) Outline, with examples, how **one or more** of the yamas might be shown in the life of a Hindu. (10)
- (b) Explain why the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita about mukti are important for many Hindus. (10)
- (c) "Varanasi is the most important place of Hindu pilgrimage."
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**. (5)

(Total for Question 16 = 25 marks)

- 17** (a) Outline how Hindus celebrate Durga Puja. (10)
- (b) Explain why the roles of the pujari and the swami are important in the mandir for many Hindus. (10)
- (c) "Rama is only important as an avatar of Vishnu."
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**. (5)

(Total for Question 17 = 25 marks)



Section D: Islam

18 (a) Outline the ways that zakah is practised by Muslims. (10)

(b) Explain why the Imam is important for Shi'ah Muslims. (10)

(c) "Muhammad's most important role is as an example to the believers."

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 the main activities a Muslim might perform during Id-ul-Adha. (10)

(b) Explain why the Qur'an is important for Muslims. (10)

(c) "The laws of halal and haram are understood differently within the Muslim community."

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 establishment of the first Muslim community in Madinah. (10)

(b) Explain why the Ulema are important for Muslims. (10)

(c) "The Jum'a prayers are the most important of the week."

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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Section E: Judaism

21 (a) Outline how Yom Kippur is celebrated by the Jewish community. (10)

(b) Explain why Maimonides is important for Jewish people today. (10)

(c) "Brit Milah is the ceremony that makes a person Jewish."

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**. (5)

(Total for Question 21 = 25 marks)

22 (a) Outline how the Beth Din makes judgements in the Jewish community today. (10)

(b) Explain why the celebration of Shabbat is important for the Jewish community. (10)

(c) "The Western Wall is the only place a Jewish pilgrim should visit."

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**. (5)

(Total for Question 22 = 25 marks)

23 (a) Outline the main activities that take place in a synagogue. (10)

(b) Explain why the laws of Kashrut are important in Judaism. (10)

(c) "The Perkei Avot are as important today as when they were first taught."

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**. (5)

(Total for Question 23 = 25 marks)



Section F: Sikhism

24 (a) Outline the important events from the life of Guru Nanak. (10)

(b) Explain why the Rahit Maryada is important for Sikhs. (10)

(c) "The Harimandir is only important as a place of pilgrimage."

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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25 (a) Outline the main ways the Nit Nem is used by Sikhs. (10)

(b) Explain why initiation into the Khalsa is important in Sikhism. (10)

(c) "Melas are a necessary part of Sikhism."

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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26 (a) Outline the role of the granthi in Sikhism. (10)

(b) Explain why the five Ks are important to Sikh identity. (10)

(c) "Guru Gobind Singh is the most important of the Ten Gurus."

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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