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# Religious Studies

## Paper 1

Monday 14 May 2018 – Afternoon  
**Time: 2 hours 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**4RS0/01**

**You do not need any other materials.**

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### 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 answer 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 the **soul**? (2)
- (b) Choose **one** religion. Outline its teachings about life after death. (5)
- (c) Explain why some non-religious people believe that humans are responsible for their actions. (8)
- (d) "Greed is inevitable in the 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 meant by a **linear (view of human existence)**? (2)
- (b) Outline religious teachings about the treatment of animals. (5)
- (c) Explain why religious believers might have different beliefs about the origins of the universe. (8)
- (d) "Physicalism is the only sensible way to explain the 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)

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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 **natural evil**? (2)
- (b) Outline religious teachings about monotheism. (5)
- (c) Explain why some religious people might support the argument from causation. (8)
- (d) "Agnosticism is the only logical conclusion to the issue of the existence 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 at least **one** named religion. (5)

**(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

- 4** (a) What is meant by **salvation**? (2)
- (b) Outline non-religious attitudes towards abortion. (5)
- (c) Explain how conversion experiences may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "There is no evidence for design in the universe."  
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.**

**EITHER**

- 5** (a) What is a **nuclear family**? (2)
- (b) Outline religious attitudes to genetic engineering. (5)
- (c) Explain why religious people have differing attitudes towards contraception. (8)
- (d) "Patterns of relationships have stayed the same over the years."  
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 **civil partnership**? (2)
- (b) Outline the rights of children in society. (5)
- (c) Choose **one** religion. Explain differing attitudes to remarriage within that religion. (8)
- (d) "Society plays a very important part in the upbringing of children."  
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 **disability**? (2)
- (b) Outline non-religious attitudes towards the poor. (5)
- (c) Explain why religious people believe that charity is important. (8)
- (d) "Religions should always promote gender equality."  
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 **equality before the law**? (2)
- (b) Choose **one** religion. Outline why it rejects racism. (5)
- (c) Explain religious attitudes towards those with a disability. (8)
- (d) "Freedom of opinion is the most important right 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 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 the traditions associated with Uposatha days. (10)
- (b) Explain why the Dhammapada is important for Buddhists. (10)
- (c) "Birth rituals serve no purpose in Buddhism."  
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 Wheel of Life. (10)
- (b) Explain why ordination is important for Buddhists. (10)
- (c) "Bodh Gaya is the most important place of pilgrimage 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 10 = 25 marks)

- 11 (a) Outline the main features of the relationship between bhikkhus and lay people. (10)
- (b) Explain how the example of the Buddha is used by Buddhists today. (10)
- (c) "The Tripitaka is 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)

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**Section B: Christianity**

**12** (a) Outline the main activities that a Christian will perform when visiting Bethlehem and Jerusalem. (10)

(b) Explain why the principle of love is important for Christians. (10)

(c) "It is too hard to follow the Sermon on the Mount."

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 how Mass/Communion is celebrated by Christians in one denomination. (10)

(b) Explain why the design of a church is important for Christians today. (10)

(c) "A Christian needs no example other than Jesus."

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 the main events in the death of Jesus. (10)

(b) Explain why baptism is important for Christians. (10)

(c) "Religious leaders are essential in the local Christian 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 **Christianity**.

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**(Total for Question 14 = 25 marks)**



**Section C: Hinduism**

**15** (a) Outline the main activities associated with **either** Raksha Bandan or Holi. (10)

(b) Explain why dharma is important for Hindus. (10)

(c) "Swamis are an essential part of Hindu 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 **Hinduism**.

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**(Total for Question 15 = 25 marks)**

**16** (a) Outline the activities that take place during the Aarti ceremony. (10)

(b) Explain why kama is important for Hindus. (10)

(c) "The five yamas are essential in the life of a Hindu."

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 activities that might be performed at the River Ganges. (10)

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

(c) "Ramanuja is central to the development of Hindu ideas."

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 main activities associated with a Muslim marriage ceremony. (10)

(b) Explain why the Sunnah of the Prophet is important for many Muslims. (10)

(c) "Things that are makruh should be haram."

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 events associated with the revelation of the Qur'an. (10)

(b) Explain why birth ceremonies are important for Muslims. (10)

(c) "The Shari'ah applies to all times and places."

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 teachings in Muhammad's final sermon. (10)

(b) Explain why different features of the mosque are important for Muslims. (10)

(c) "No prayers are more important than any others for a 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 20 = 25 marks)**



**Section E: Judaism**

21 (a) Outline the main teachings of Maimonides in the development of Judaism. (10)

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

(c) "The Rabbi is central to the continued existence of Judaism."

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 the main activities associated with a Bar Mitzvah. (10)

(b) Explain why prophets are important for the Jewish community. (10)

(c) "The Halakhah should be adapted for the modern day."

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 main activities of the celebration of Shabbat. (10)

(b) Explain why the ceremonies associated with Pesach are important in Judaism. (10)

(c) "The Tenakh is the only authority needed in the Jewish 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 **Judaism**.

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**(Total for Question 23 = 25 marks)**



**Section F: Sikhism**

**24** (a) Outline the main teachings of Guru Nanak. (10)

(b) Explain why the Gurdwara is important for the Sikh community. (10)

(c) "Amritsar should be visited by all Sikhs."

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 the main events in the life of Guru Gobind Singh. (10)

(b) Explain why the Amrit ceremony is important for Sikhs. (10)

(c) "The most effective type of worship is communal."

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 main activities that take place at Baisakhi. (10)

(b) Explain why celebration of gurburbs is important to the Sikh community. (10)

(c) "The Guru Granth Sahib is central to Sikh identity."

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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