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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

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Paper 2

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**1 hour 45 minutes**

Additional Materials:      Answer Booklet/Paper

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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 all 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 question 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) (i) Describe what happens at believers' baptism. [3]  
(ii) Describe what happens at Confirmation. [4]  
(b) Explain why these ceremonies are important for Christians. [7]  
(c) 'It is very important for believers to make a public declaration of their faith.'  
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]
- 2 (a) What rules for Christians are set out in the Ten Commandments? [7]  
(b) Explain why the Ten Commandments are important for Christians. [7]  
(c) 'Christians need strict rules to help them live the way God wants.'  
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]
- 3 (a) Describe how a Minister or Priest leads public worship. [7]  
(b) Explain why private acts of worship are important for many Christians. [7]  
(c) 'You do not need to go to Church services to be a good Christian.'  
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

**Section B – Islam**

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

- 4 (a) Describe the way Muslims pray together at the mosque. [7]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Imam's work for the religious community. [7]
- (c) 'A Muslim has a direct relationship with Allah and does not need anyone else to get involved.' 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]
- 5 (a) Describe the work of **one** aid organisation run by the Muslim community. [7]
- (b) Explain why Muslims feel it is important to support such organisations. [7]
- (c) 'A Muslim should be able to choose how much he or she gives to charity.' 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 what happened at the Hijrah. [7]
- (b) Explain why Muhammad is known as the Seal of the Prophets. [7]
- (c) 'It is important that people know an accurate history of their religion.' 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]

**Section C – Judaism**

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

- 7** (a) Describe **two** places of historical significance that a Jew might visit. [7]
- (b) Explain why a Jew might feel it is important to visit these places of historical significance. [7]
- (c) 'Religious people should look to the future and not dwell on what happened in the past.'  
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]
- 8** (a) Give an account of how Jews celebrate Shavuot. [7]
- (b) Explain why this festival is celebrated. [7]
- (c) 'Festivals are the most important part of a religion.'  
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 some of the ways Jews observe their religion in the home. [7]
- (b) Explain the importance of the family in Judaism. [7]
- (c) 'It is more important for Jews to worship at home as a family than in the synagogue.'  
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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