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Religious Studies

**Unit 8: Religion and society based on a study
of Christianity and at least one other
religion**

Wednesday 17 May 2017 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

5RS08/01

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.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

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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SECTION 1 – RELIGION: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.

EITHER

- 1** (a) What is meant by **social change**? (2)
- (b) Do you think everyone should follow the Golden Rule?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians use only the teachings of the Church to make a moral decision and some do not. (8)
- (d) "Christians should support cloning."
In your answer you should refer to Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)

OR

- 2** (a) What is a **pressure group**? (2)
- (b) Do you think human rights are important?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why some Christians use a variety of sources of authority to make a moral decision. (8)
- (d) "The Bible is of no use in modern society."
In your answer you should refer to Christianity.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)

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SECTION 2 – RELIGION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL ISSUES

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

EITHER

- 3** (a) What does **infertility** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think humans can stop polluting the environment?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why some of its followers do not accept transplant surgery. (8)
- (d) "Society will suffer if the world runs out of oil."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4** a) Give two examples of **natural resources**. (2)
- (b) Do you think global warming is the biggest problem in the world today?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how Christians should treat the environment. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should allow infertility treatment."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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SECTION 3 – RELIGION: PEACE AND CONFLICT

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What does **pacifism** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians do enough to prevent bullying?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why its followers believe forgiveness is important. (8)
- (d) "Money is the main cause of war."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6 (a) What is meant by a **just war**? (2)
- (b) Do you think there is more conflict in religious families than non-religious ones?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how the United Nations work for world peace. (8)
- (d) "Christians should be willing to fight in a war."
In your answer you should refer to **Christianity**.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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SECTION 4 – RELIGION: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

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- 7** (a) What does **capital punishment** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think sixteen year olds should be able to buy alcohol?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why Christians should work for justice in the world today. (8)
- (d) "Harsh punishments are more effective."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8** (a) What does **justice** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should be allowed to drink alcohol?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some non-religious people are against capital punishment. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should never break the law."
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
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