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# Religious Studies

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

Wednesday 18 May 2016 – 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 **electoral processes**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should live according to the teaching of the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why the conscience may be important when making moral decisions. (8)
- (d) "Human rights are important in society today."  
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 the **Golden Rule**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should agree with genetic engineering?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why everybody should vote in elections. (8)
- (d) "All Christians should use a variety of authorities to make moral decisions."  
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 **creation** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think a shortage of natural resources causes problems for the world?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why transplant surgery is important. (8)
- (d) "Looking after the environment is the most important thing religious people should do."  
In your answer you should refer to at least **one religion other than Christianity**.
- (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 how people can help with **conservation**. (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should agree with infertility treatment?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain Christian teachings on stewardship. (8)
- (d) "Humans can solve the problem of global warming."  
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 4 = 20 marks)**

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### SECTION 3 – RELIGION: PEACE AND CONFLICT

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

#### EITHER

- 5 (a) What does **aggression** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious organisations can prevent wars?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why religion can cause conflict in religious families. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should not fight in wars."  
In your answer you should refer to at least **one religion other than Christianity**.
- (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 does **world peace** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think it is possible to fight a war in the "right way"?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why Christians believe bullying is wrong. (8)
- (d) "It is always possible to forgive."  
In your answer you should refer to at least **one religion other than Christianity**.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 6 = 20 marks)

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**SECTION 4 – RELIGION: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**

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

**EITHER**

- 7** (a) What does **deterrence** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should ever break the law?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why its followers work for justice in the world today. (8)
- (d) "Illegal drugs are bad for society."  
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 **judgment** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think prison changes criminals?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why some of its followers agree with capital punishment and some do not. (8)
- (d) "It should be against the law to drink alcohol."  
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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