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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Paper 1

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
You must answer from **two** sections.
In each of your chosen sections, you must answer **all** the questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **4** pages.

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Section A – Christianity

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 1** (a) (i) Give **three** things that happened in the week before the death of Jesus. [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe what is meant by the resurrection. [4]
- (b) Explain why some Christians might prefer the symbol of the cross to the symbol of the crucifix. [7]
- (c) 'The life of Jesus is more important than his death.'
- 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]

[Total: 20]

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'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

John 3:16

- (a) (i) What is the Apostles' Creed? [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe how the power of the Holy Spirit might affect Christians. [4]
- (b) Explain how the death of Jesus leads to salvation for Christians. [7]
- (c) 'Doing good works is the only way to reach salvation.'
- 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]

[Total: 20]

Section B – Islam

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 3** (a) (i) Name **three** places that were part of the hijrah. [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe the persecution of the Prophet (pbuh) in Makkah. [4]
- (b) Explain why du'a (private devotion) is important to Muslims. [7]
- (c) 'The muezzin has the most important role in Muslim worship.'
- 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]

[Total: 20]

4

'For each person there are angels in succession, before and behind him. They guard him in the name of Allah.'

Surah 13:11

- (a) (i) Name **three** features of a mosque. [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe what is meant by salah. [4]
- (b) Explain the importance of Angels in Islam. [7]
- (c) 'No one Article of Faith is more important than another.'
- 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]

[Total: 20]

Section C – Judaism

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 5 (a) (i) Name **three** sections of the Talmud (commentary on the Mishnah). [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe Jewish rules about clothing. [4]
- (b) Explain the significance of ritual dress for Jews today. [7]
- (c) 'The Ten Commandments are the most important part of Jewish law.'
- 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]

[Total: 20]

6

'I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.'

Isaiah 45:7

- (a) (i) Give **three** uses of a synagogue for a Jewish community. [3]
- (ii) Briefly describe how the contents of the Mishnah (oral law) are organised. [4]
- (b) Explain why the unity of God is important in Judaism. [7]
- (c) 'The exact terms of the Covenant do not matter for Jews in the modern world.'
- 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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