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RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B) 30604
RELIGIOUS STUDIES (SPECIFICATION B) (SHORT COURSE)
Unit 4 Truth, Spirituality and Contemporary Issues

Friday 13 June 2003 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm

No additional materials are required.
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Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **four** questions.
In Section A answer **Question A1** in the spaces provided.
In Section B answer **any three** questions from **Questions B2 to B7** on pages 11 to 20.
- If you use any additional sheets, tie them loosely to the back of this booklet.
- Do all rough work in this book or on the continuation sheets. Cross through any work that you do not want marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 83.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be awarded up to 3 marks for quality of written communication.
You are required to:
 - Present relevant information in a form that suits its purposes.
 - Ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that the meaning is clear.
 - Use a suitable structure and style of writing.
- Pages 7 to 10 are perforated. You may remove these pages if you wish.

Advice

- You are advised not to spend more than 25 minutes on each question.

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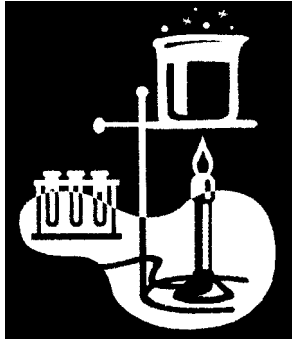
SECTION A TRUTH AND SPIRITUALITY

Answer **Question A1** in the spaces provided.

This question carries 20 marks.

A1 The Nature of Truth

(a) (i)



Observation is used in the search for scientific truth.
Name **one** other activity used in order to find scientific truth.

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(ii)



Moral truth is based on abstract reasoning.
What is meant by abstract reasoning?

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(iii)



Spiritual truth is based on sacred writings. Give an example of a sacred writing.

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(1 mark)

(b) **The Nature of Spirituality**

(i) Give **one** example of spirituality.

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(1 mark)

(ii) Explain why a spiritual person might be happy **without** a lot of money.

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(4 marks)

(c) **Claims to Truth**

- (i) For each of **two** religious traditions, give an example of a person who has religious authority.

First example

Second example.....

(2 marks)

- (ii) For **each** of the examples you have given in part (c)(i), explain why this person has authority.

First example

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Second example

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(4 marks)

(d) “People who think there is a spiritual side to life are fooling themselves.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view.

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SECTION B RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Answer **three** questions.

Knowledge of **two** religious traditions is required.

Write your answers in the space provided on pages 11 to 20.

Pages 7 to 10 are perforated. You may remove these pages if you wish.

Each question carries 20 marks.

B2 Matters of Life

- (a) (i) What is meant by In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF)? *(2 marks)*
- (ii) Explain why a woman might choose Artificial Insemination by Donor (AID). *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain the different attitudes to cloning found among religious believers. You should refer to the beliefs and teachings of **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(10 marks)*
- (c) “Babies should only be conceived naturally.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

B3 Matters of Death

- (a) (i) What is meant by the sanctity of life? *(2 marks)*
- (ii) Explain why religious believers support the hospice movement. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain how religion helps to comfort those who are dying. You should refer to the beliefs and teachings of **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(10 marks)*
- (c) “The quality of a person’s life is more important than its length.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

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B4 Drug Abuse

- (a) (i) Apart from medicines, name **two** legal drugs. *(2 marks)*
- (ii) Describe and explain the classification of illegal drugs. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain religious attitudes towards the social use of **legal** drugs. You should refer to the beliefs and teachings of **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(10 marks)*
- (c) “It’s my life. I should be able to use any drug so long as I don’t harm anyone else.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

B5 Media and Technology

- (a) (i) Explain what is meant by the media. *(2 marks)*
- (ii) Explain what is meant by censorship. Give **one** example. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain the different attitudes, found among religious believers, towards the portrayal of violence in the media. You should refer to the beliefs and teachings of **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(10 marks)*
- (c) “Religious programmes help people to believe in God.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

B6 Crime and Punishment

- (a) (i) Give **two** reasons why some people commit crime. *(2 marks)*
- (ii) Explain what is meant by community service as a form of punishment. Give **one** example. *(3 marks)*

- (b) Explain different religious attitudes to the use of prison as a punishment for crime. You should refer to the beliefs and teachings of **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(10 marks)*

- (c) “Capital punishment is the right way to deal with murderers.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

B7 Rich and Poor in Society

- (a) (i) Give **two** reasons why the National Lottery (LOTTO) is popular. *(2 marks)*
- (ii) Why do some people disagree with the National Lottery (LOTTO)? *(3 marks)*

- (b) Explain different religious attitudes to the poor. You should refer to the beliefs and teachings of **two** religious traditions in your answer. *(10 marks)*

- (c) “Nobody deserves a ‘fat cat’ salary.”

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to religious arguments in your answer. *(5 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS