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# **Religious Studies**

Full Course – 80% Written Examination Short Course – 80% Written Examination Monday 19 May 2008 – Afternoon Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

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#### SECTION 1: RELIGION AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

You must answer ONE question from this section. Write your answer in the spaces provided.

#### **EITHER**

1. (a) What is **Situation Ethics**?

**(2)** 

(b) Outline how Christians make moral decisions.

**(6)** 

(c) Explain why some people prefer Proportional Representation as an electoral system.

(8)

**(4)** 

(d) 'Religion has no place in politics.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to Christianity.

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#### OR

**2.** (a) What is the **electoral system**?

(2)

(b) Outline **three** of the Ten Commandments (Decalogue).

(6)

(c) Explain why most Christians support the Welfare State.

**(8)** 

(d) 'The most loving thing to do is always the right thing to do.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to Christianity.

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#### **SECTION 2: RELIGION AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

You must answer ONE question from this section. Write your answer in the spaces provided.

#### **EITHER**

3. (a) What does pollution mean?

**(2)** 

(b) Choose **one** religious organisation that works for conservation of the planet. Outline the work of this organisation.

**(6)** 

(c) Explain why Christians should care for the environment.

**(8)** 

**(4)** 

(d) 'Everyone should be a vegetarian.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least one religion.

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# OR

**4.** (a) What does **conservation** mean?

**(2)** 

(b) Outline three pollution threats to the planet.

**(6)** 

(c) Choose *one* religion other than Christianity and explain why that religion believes that animals have rights.

(8)

(d) 'It's better to have pollution than have no cars.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least one religion.

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# **SECTION 3: RELIGION, PEACE AND CONFLICT**

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#### **EITHER**

5. (a) What are nuclear weapons?

**(2)** 

(b) Outline different Christian attitudes to war.

**(6)** 

(c) Explain why there is sometimes conflict within families.

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**(4)** 

(d) 'Religious people should always forgive those who wrong them.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least one religion.

**Q5** 

(Total 20 marks)

#### OR

(a) What is **bullying**?

**(2)** 

(b) Choose **one** religious person, community or organisation working for world peace. Outline its work.

**(6)** 

(c) Choose **one** area of conflict in the world today. Explain why there is conflict in that area.

**(8)** 

(d) 'If one country has nuclear weapons, all countries should have nuclear weapons.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least one religion.

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#### **SECTION 4: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**

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#### **EITHER**

**7.** (a) What is **sin**?

(b) Choose one religion other than Christianity and outline the beliefs about justice in that religion.

**(6)** 

(c) Explain why some Christians support capital punishment.

**(8)** 

**(4)** 

(d) 'All criminals should go to prison.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least one religion.

**Q7** 

(Total 20 marks)

### OR

(a) What is **judgement**?

**(2)** 

(b) Outline three different theories of punishment.

**(6)** 

(c) Explain why justice is important for Christians.

**(8)** 

**(4)** 

(d) 'Sometimes good people should break the law.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to at least one religion.

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