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Edexcel GCSE

Religious Studies

Unit 2: Religion and life based on a study of Christianity

Tuesday 15 May 2012 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

5RS02/01

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 80.
- 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 with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION 1 – BELIEVING IN GOD

You must answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

- 1 (a) What does **natural evil** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think television or radio programmes or films can affect a person's attitude to belief in God?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how Christians respond to the problem of unanswered prayers. (8)
- (d) "No one should be an atheist."
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 Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 (a) What does **omni-benevolent** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think that religious experiences prove that God exists?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how the argument from design may lead to belief in God. (8)
- (d) "There are no solutions to the problem of evil and suffering."
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 Question 2 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 2 – MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

You must answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

- 3 (a) What is meant by **quality of life**? (2)
- (b) Do you think natural disasters are the main cause of world poverty?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why abortion is a controversial issue. (8)
- (d) "Euthanasia is the same as murder."
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 Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4 (a) What does **immortality of the soul** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think everyone should have the right to die when they want?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain how Christian beliefs about life after death affect the way Christians live their lives. (8)
- (d) "Abortion should always be allowed."
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 Question 4 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 3 – MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What does **homosexuality** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think that all Christians should accept the use of contraception?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain how Christian churches help with the upbringing of children. (8)
- (d) "Marriage is the best way to begin family life."
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 Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6 (a) What is a **re-constituted family**? (2)
- (b) Do you think faithfulness within marriage is important?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some Christians allow divorce. (8)
- (d) "Everyone should accept homosexual relationships."
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 Question 6 = 20 marks)



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SECTION 4 – RELIGION AND COMMUNITY COHESION

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What is meant by **community cohesion**? (2)
- (b) Do you think that living in a multi-ethnic society helps to reduce racism?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some Christians work to help people who are seeking asylum and/or immigrant workers in the UK. (8)
- (d) "Everyone should accept interfaith marriages."
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 Question 7 = 20 marks)

OR

- 8 (a) What is meant by **prejudice**? (2)
- (b) Do you think attitudes to the roles of men and women have changed in the UK?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain how an issue arising from this section (religion and community cohesion) was presented in one form of the media. (8)
- (d) "Multi-faith societies cause problems for religious families."
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 Question 8 = 20 marks)



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