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Edexcel GCSE

Religious Studies

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

Thursday 17 May 2012 – 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 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 – RELIGION: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

EITHER

- 1 (a) What is the **Church**? (2)
- (b) Do you think genetic engineering is a good idea?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats is important for Christians. (8)
- (d) "Using Situation Ethics is the best way to make a moral decision."
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 are **human rights**? (2)
- (b) Do you think you are your 'brother's keeper'?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some Christians use only the teachings of the Church to make moral decisions. (8)
- (d) "Your conscience should always be your guide."
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 – RELIGION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL ISSUES

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 3 (a) What is **infertility**? (2)
- (b) Do you think natural resources will run out?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why some of its followers are against transplant surgery. (8)
- (d) "All religious people should live lifestyles which do not harm the environment."
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 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4 (a) What is **global warming**? (2)
- (b) Do you think people worry too much about pollution?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- * (c) Explain why some Christians are against infertility treatments. (8)
- (d) "Organ donation should be compulsory."
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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SECTION 3 – RELIGION: PEACE AND CONFLICT

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 5 (a) What does **aggression** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think some wars are worth fighting?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how a religious organisation tries to promote world peace. (8)
- (d) "There should never be conflict in a religious family."
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 5 = 20 marks)

OR

- 6 (a) What is **reconciliation**? (2)
- (b) Do you think everyone deserves to be forgiven?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why Christians are against bullying. (8)
- (d) "Religious people should never go to war."
In your answer you should refer to at least **one religion other than Christianity**.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
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SECTION 4 – RELIGION: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

You must answer ONE question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What does **judgement** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think capital punishment is wrong?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain why justice is important for Christians. (8)
- (d) "People must be made to pay for their crimes."
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 is **retribution**? (2)
- (b) Do you think laws help society?
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- *(c) Explain how alcohol can lead to social problems. (8)
- (d) "Capital punishment is a sin."
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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