

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**  
**RELIGIOUS STUDIES A (WORLD RELIGION(S))**  
Perspectives on World Religions

**B589**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

- 8 page Answer Booklet

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Tuesday 15 June 2010**  
**Morning**

**Duration: 1 hour****INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Any additional paper used must be securely fastened to the answer booklet.
- Answer **two** questions.
  - You must answer your two questions from **different** Sections.
    - Section A – Responsibility for the Planet
    - Section B – War Peace and Human Rights
    - Section C – Prejudice and Equality
  - You must answer all parts (a)–(e) of the questions that you choose.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed in parts d and e of all questions.
- This document consists of **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

### Section A: Responsibility for the Planet

If you choose one question from this section you must answer all parts (a)–(e) of the question.

#### 1 Buddhism

- (a) State one Buddhist belief about the origin of the world. [1]
- (b) State two reasons which Buddhists might give for showing respect for the world. [2]
- (c) Describe one scientific theory about the origin of the universe. [3]
- (d) Explain what some Buddhists believe about the origin of humanity. [6]
- (e) 'How the world began should not matter to Buddhists.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

#### 2 Christianity

- (a) State one Christian belief about the origin of the world. [1]
- (b) State two reasons which Christians might give for showing respect for the world. [2]
- (c) Describe one scientific theory about the origin of the universe. [3]
- (d) Explain what some Christians believe about the origin of humanity. [6]
- (e) 'How the world began should not matter to Christians.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

#### 3 Hinduism

- (a) State one Hindu belief about the origin of the world. [1]
- (b) State two reasons which Hindus might give for showing respect for the world. [2]
- (c) Describe one scientific theory about the origin of the universe. [3]
- (d) Explain what some Hindus believe about the origin of humanity. [6]
- (e) 'How the world began should not matter to Hindus.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

**4 Islam**

- (a) State one Muslim belief about the origin of the world. [1]
- (b) State two reasons which Muslims might give for showing respect for the world. [2]
- (c) Describe one scientific theory about the origin of the universe. [3]
- (d) Explain what some Muslims believe about the origin of humanity. [6]
- (e) 'How the world began should not matter to Muslims.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

**5 Judaism**

- (a) State one Jewish belief about the origin of the world. [1]
- (b) State two reasons which Jews might give for showing respect for the world. [2]
- (c) Describe one scientific theory about the origin of the universe. [3]
- (d) Explain what some Jews believe about the origin of humanity. [6]
- (e) 'How the world began should not matter to Jews.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

**6 Sikhism**

- (a) State one Sikh belief about the origin of the world. [1]
- (b) State two reasons which Sikhs might give for showing respect for the world. [2]
- (c) Describe one scientific theory about the origin of the universe. [3]
- (d) Explain what some Sikhs believe about the origin of humanity. [6]
- (e) 'How the world began should not matter to Sikhs.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

## Section B: War Peace and Human Rights

If you choose one question from this section you must answer all parts (a)–(e) of the question.

### 7 Buddhism

- (a) What is a Pacifist? [1]
- (b) State two reasons why a Buddhist might be a Pacifist. [2]
- (c) Describe why a Buddhist might support a war. [3]
- (d) Explain why a Buddhist might support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. [6]
- (e) 'War is always wrong.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer. [12]

**[Total: 24]**

### 8 Christianity

- (a) What is a Pacifist? [1]
- (b) State two reasons why a Christian might be a Pacifist. [2]
- (c) Describe why a Christian might support a war. [3]
- (d) Explain why a Christian might support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. [6]
- (e) 'War is always wrong.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [12]

**[Total: 24]**

### 9 Hinduism

- (a) What is a Pacifist? [1]
- (b) State two reasons why a Hindu might be a Pacifist. [2]
- (c) Describe why a Hindu might support a war. [3]
- (d) Explain why a Hindu might support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. [6]
- (e) 'War is always wrong.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [12]

**[Total: 24]**

**10 Islam**

- (a) What is a Pacifist? [1]
- (b) State two reasons why a Muslim might be a Pacifist. [2]
- (c) Describe why a Muslim might support a war. [3]
- (d) Explain why a Muslim might support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. [6]
- (e) 'War is always wrong.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

**11 Judaism**

- (a) What is a Pacifist? [1]
- (b) State two reasons why a Jew might be a Pacifist. [2]
- (c) Describe why a Jew might support a war. [3]
- (d) Explain why a Jew might support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. [6]
- (e) 'War is always wrong.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

**12 Sikhism**

- (a) What is a Pacifist? [1]
- (b) State two reasons why a Sikh might be a Pacifist. [2]
- (c) Describe why a Sikh might support a war. [3]
- (d) Explain why a Sikh might support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. [6]
- (e) 'War is always wrong.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

### Section C: Prejudice and Equality

If you choose one question from this section you must answer all parts (a)–(e) of the question.

#### 13 Buddhism

- (a) What is meant by the term racism? [1]
- (b) State two Buddhist beliefs about equality. [2]
- (c) Describe how a Buddhist might respond to racism. [3]
- (d) Explain Buddhist attitudes towards the role of women. [6]
- (e) 'It is impossible to treat all people equally.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Buddhism in your answer. [12]

**[Total: 24]**

#### 14 Christianity

- (a) What is meant by the term racism? [1]
- (b) State two Christian beliefs about equality. [2]
- (c) Describe how a Christian might respond to racism. [3]
- (d) Explain Christian attitudes towards the role of women. [6]
- (e) 'It is impossible to treat all people equally.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [12]

**[Total: 24]**

#### 15 Hinduism

- (a) What is meant by the term racism? [1]
- (b) State two Hindu beliefs about equality. [2]
- (c) Describe how a Hindu might respond to racism. [3]
- (d) Explain Hindu attitudes towards the role of women. [6]
- (e) 'It is impossible to treat all people equally.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Hinduism in your answer. [12]

**[Total: 24]**

**16 Islam**

- (a) What is meant by the term racism? [1]
- (b) State two Muslim beliefs about equality. [2]
- (c) Describe how a Muslim might respond to racism. [3]
- (d) Explain Muslim attitudes towards the role of women. [6]
- (e) 'It is impossible to treat all people equally.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

**17 Judaism**

- (a) What is meant by the term racism? [1]
- (b) State two Jewish beliefs about equality. [2]
- (c) Describe how a Jew might respond to racism. [3]
- (d) Explain Jewish attitudes towards the role of women. [6]
- (e) 'It is impossible to treat all people equally.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [12]

[Total: 24]

**18 Sikhism**

- (a) What is meant by the term racism? [1]
- (b) State two Sikh beliefs about equality. [2]
- (c) Describe how a Sikh might respond to racism. [3]
- (d) Explain Sikh attitudes towards the role of women. [6]
- (e) 'It is impossible to treat all people equally.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Sikhism in your answer. [12]

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