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MARKS: 150

TIME: 2 hours

This question paper consists of 5 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of FOUR questions.
2. Answer only THREE of the four questions.
3. Read ALL the questions carefully.
4. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION 1

Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

HIV/Aids is a major social challenge facing the youth.

Imagine that you are a youth leader for a particular religion at your school. Prepare a speech that would encourage learners to lead a healthy, Aids-free lifestyle, as informed by your religious teachings. In your speech, you must include the following:

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| 1.1 | A brief, relevant introduction | (6) |
| 1.2 | The causes of HIV and Aids | (6) |
| 1.3 | Factors contributing to the spread of HIV | (10) |
| 1.4 | Reference to the teachings of at least TWO religions to illustrate solutions to the Aids pandemic | (10) |
| 1.5 | A plan of action to assist those affected and infected by HIV and Aids | (18) |
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QUESTION 2

Read the information below and answer the questions that follow.

The first World Parliament of Religions was held in Chicago in 1893. A second, and much larger, parliament was held in 1993, also in Chicago. The last such parliament of the world's religions was held in 2004 in Barcelona, Spain. Each parliament was bigger than the previous one. This points to the growing importance of interreligious dialogue.

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| 2.1 | Identify and discuss TWO themes which you consider to be important topics for a world parliament of religions. Give reasons for your choices. | (20) |
| 2.2 | Discuss TWO possible outcomes (or results) that you would expect from such a conference. | (12) |
| 2.3 | Describe the religious composition within your community and explain the need for interreligious dialogue. | (8) |
| 2.4 | Since 1994, South Africa has had no serious incidents of religious conflict. What steps has the South African government taken to ensure peaceful co-existence among the various religions in the country? | (10) |
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QUESTION 3

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Science and religion have often had a strained relationship, especially over the 'big bang theory' and 'the theory of evolution'.

The big bang theory suggests that the universe came into existence millions of years ago as a result of a huge explosion of a mixture of gases.

The theory of evolution argues that all forms of life, including humans, are connected, and go back to a common origin. The various forms of life did not appear perfectly formed, but adapted to their changing environments over time. Modern man also adapted, or evolved, over millions of years, into the present state. These two theories are in direct contrast to the explanation of creation and life forms in some religious teachings.

Select ONE religion and compare its views with the scientific theories above, under the following subheadings:

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| 3.1 | How all living and non-living things are related | (10) |
| 3.2 | Creation, and how human beings made their appearance in the world | (20) |
| 3.3 | The status of human beings in the world | (10) |
| 3.4 | How and when the world will end (if at all) | (10) |
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QUESTION 4

- 4.1 Read the information below and answer the questions that follow.

In a religious context, normative sources are those sources that lay down standards of behaviour for believers. Such sources are also referred to as primary sources.

Select ONE religion and discuss its normative source(s) under the following headings:

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| 4.1.1 | Inspiration | (10) |
| 4.1.2 | Hermeneutical principles that apply to the interpretation of normative sources | (10) |

4.2 Select ONE religion and discuss its central teachings under the following headings:

4.2.1 The nature of divinity (10)

4.2.2 The relationship between the individual and the community (10)

4.2.3 Life after death (10)

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