

Paper Reference(s)

**7560**

# **London Examinations GCE**

## **Religious Studies**

### **Ordinary Level**

Monday 5 May 2008 – Afternoon

Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

**Materials required for examination**

Answer book (AB12)

**Items included with question papers**

Nil

#### **Instructions to Candidates**

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Answer FIVE questions. You must choose questions from at least TWO different sections with no more than THREE questions from the same section.

In the boxes on the answer book, write the name of the examining body (London Examinations), your centre number, candidate number, the subject title (Religious Studies), the paper reference (7560), your surname, other names and signature.

Write your answers in the answer book. Make sure your answers to parts of questions are clearly numbered.

Use additional answer sheets if necessary.

#### **Information for Candidates**

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The marks for individual questions and the parts of questions are shown in round brackets: e.g. (2).

There are 47 questions in this question paper. The total mark for this paper is 100.

All questions carry equal marks.

There are 20 pages in this question paper. Any blank pages are indicated.

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#### **Advice to Candidates**

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Write your answers clearly and in good English.

Remember that reference to and quotation from the set passages in your answers is important.

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**Answer FIVE questions.**  
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**with no more than THREE questions from the same section.**

**SECTION ONE: The Hebrew Scriptures: A study of**  
**certain religious leaders against their historical background**

**Part (a): Abraham to David (up to the birth of Solomon)**

1. (a) Describe Abraham's response when the Almighty announced his intention to destroy Sodom. (8)
- (b) Why was Abraham so concerned about the fate of the city? (6)
- (c) 'Abraham was a model of faith and courage.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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2. (a) Describe how Abraham's servant found a wife for Isaac. (8)
- (b) What do we learn about Rebecca's character from the events of her life? (6)
- (c) 'Isaac seems to have been unable to think for himself.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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3. (a) Briefly describe how Joseph became governor of Egypt. (8)
- (b) Explain Joseph's reasons for believing that it was God's will that he was taken to Egypt. (6)
- (c) 'It is not surprising that Joseph was mistreated by his brothers.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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4. (a) Describe what happened when Moses and the Israelites reached the shores of the Red Sea. (8)
- (b) What may be learned from these events about:
- (i) The faith of Moses;
  - (ii) The faith of the Israelites? (6)
- (c) ‘Keeping the Sabbath is impractical in the modern world.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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5. (a) Describe what happened when the Ark was brought to Jerusalem. (8)
- (b) What can be learned from these events about David’s character? (6)
- (c) ‘David is a good role model for believers.’  
Comment upon this view. (6)
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**Turn over for Part (b)**

**Part (b): Elijah to Jeremiah**

6. (a) Describe what happened when Elisha was called to follow Elijah. (8)
- (b) Explain why Ahab and his descendants were condemned by Elijah. (6)
- (c) Should religious leaders try to influence matters of state?  
Give reasons for your answer. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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7. (a) Describe the social and religious conditions in Judah at the time of Isaiah. (8)
- (b) What may be learned about Isaiah's faith from his reactions to the siege of Jerusalem? (6)
- (c) 'Isaiah's experiences show that one should never lose hope.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)
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8. (a) Describe the lesson which Jeremiah learnt from the two baskets of figs. (8)
- (b) Explain why Jeremiah bought a field. (6)
- (c) To what extent was Jeremiah responsible for his own sufferings?  
Explain your answer with reasons. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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9. (a) For what reasons did Hosea marry his wife and give his children special names? (8)
- (b) Explain the religious message which is taught by Hosea's relationship with his wife. (6)
- (c) 'There are some things which God will not forgive.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)
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10. (a) Outline the reasons Amos gave for God's punishment of Israel. (8)
- (b) Explain Amos' understanding of God's character. (6)
- (c) 'If you treat other people honestly, that's all that matters.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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**SECTION TWO: The Life and Teaching of Jesus  
(according to St. Luke, with Matthew 5, 6 and 7)**

11. (a) Outline Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount about lust, adultery and divorce. (8)
- (b) Explain why Jesus warned his followers against judging others. (6)
- (c) 'Prayer is not a practical course of action.'  
Comment upon this view, with reasons. (6)

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12. (a) Describe what happened when Zechariah was told he would have a son. (8)
- (b) Explain the significance of the shepherds' visit to the newborn Jesus. (6)
- (c) 'Poor people are more likely to have faith than the rich.'  
Is this true? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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13. (a) Outline the temptations of Jesus. (8)
- (b) Explain the significance of Jesus' responses. (6)
- (c) 'Money is the most important thing in life.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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14. (a) Outline **one** story of an occasion when Jesus healed on the Sabbath. (8)
- (b) Explain why such incidents annoyed the Pharisees. (6)
- (c) 'Treat others as you would wish them treat you.'  
Is this a good rule for living? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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15. (a) Describe what happened when Jesus was asked if taxes should be paid to Caesar. (8)
- (b) Why did Pilate condemn Jesus to death? (6)
- (c) Is the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus credible?  
Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**SECTION THREE: The Growth and Problems of the Early Church**  
**(Acts 1–21 and I Corinthians 1–13)**

16. (a) Outline the events on the day when Jesus was taken to heaven. (8)
- (b) Explain why the court decided to discharge Peter and John after the healing of the crippled man at the Beautiful Gate. (6)
- (c) ‘If miracles happened today, more people would believe.’  
Comment upon this view, giving reasons for your answer. (6)

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17. (a) Outline what happened when Tabitha (Dorcas) died. (8)
- (b) Explain the significance of Peter’s vision while he was praying on the roof of Simon the tanner’s house. (6)
- (c) ‘Women and foreigners received more respect in the Early Church than they do in the Church today.’  
How far is this true? (6)

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18. (a) What successful work did Paul do in Ephesus? (8)
- (b) Explain why the town clerk at Ephesus would not tolerate the disturbance stirred up by Demetrius. (6)
- (c) ‘Superstition is still a threat to religion.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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19. (a) Outline the story of Peter's escape from prison. (8)
- (b) Explain why Paul came to believe that he should concentrate on teaching the Gentiles. (6)
- (c) 'The Church today should spend more time teaching the Gospel to unbelievers.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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20. (a) Describe **four** gifts of the Holy Spirit of which Paul wrote to the Corinthians. (8)
- (b) Explain the importance of any **two** of these in the life of the church. (6)
- (c) 'Those who marry will have pain and grief.'  
Is it better to remain single? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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#### SECTION FOUR: The Qur'an

21. (a) Outline the teaching in the Qur'an about the prophets other than Muhammad. (8)
- (b) Explain how this teaching affects Muslim attitudes towards other Holy books. (6)
- (c) 'Muslims living in non-Islamic countries should adapt to the customs of the country in which they live.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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22. (a) Outline the teaching of the Qur'an about marriage. (8)
- (b) Explain why divorce is allowed for Muslims. (6)
- (c) 'The breakdown of families leads to the breakdown of society.'  
Comment on this view, giving reasons for your answer. (6)

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23. (a) What reasons are given in the Qur'an for the practice of salat (ritual prayer)? (8)
- (b) Explain why the Qur'an prescribes sawm (fasting). (6)
- (c) 'Du'a (personal prayer) is just as important as salat.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)

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24. (a) Outline how the Qur'an came to be written down. (8)
- (b) Explain why the Muslim community is sometimes described as the 'Nation of Islam'. (6)
- (c) 'Allah still communicates directly with people today.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for you answer. (6)

(Total 20 marks)

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25. (a) What does the Qur'an teach about angels? (8)
- (b) Explain why Muhammad was given the message of Islam for all peoples. (6)
- (c) How can believers best communicate Allah's teaching today? (6)

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## SECTION FIVE: Personal and Social Relationships and Problems

**In each answer, indicate clearly the reasons for your personal judgement or attitude, presenting the relevant facts and factors (e.g. Biblical, moral, religious, social) involved in reaching a conclusion.**

### Part (a): Home and family relationships

26. (a) Outline the reasons why some people choose to remain single. (8)
- (b) Explain why marriage is regarded as important by religious believers. (6)
- (c) 'Family is the most important thing in life.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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27. (a) Outline the teaching of any **one** religion about artificial contraception. (8)
- (b) Explain why some religious believers might accept that an abortion is permissible. (6)
- (c) 'Some people are unfit to be parents.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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### Part (b): Work, leisure and money

28. (a) According to the teachings of any **one** religion, how should believers spend their money? (8)
- (b) For what reasons might a religious believer refuse to accept certain types of paid employment? (6)
- (c) 'We should work to live, not live to work.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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29. (a) Suggest suitable ways in which religious believers might spend their leisure time. (8)
- (b) Explain why some people argue that television programmes should be censored. (6)
- (c) 'The internet is a force for good in the world.'  
Comment on this view, giving reasons for your answer. (6)

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**Part (c): Problems of national and international relationships**

30. (a) Describe the work of **one** charity which aims to relieve poverty. (8)
- (b) Explain why some nations suffer more from poverty than others. (6)
- (c) 'Charity begins at home.'  
Comment upon this statement, giving reasons for your answer. (6)

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31. (a) Describe the problems which women encounter in society today. (8)
- (b) Explain why there is racial and religious discrimination in the world. (6)
- (c) 'Religious teaching causes prejudice.'  
Comment upon this view, giving reasons for your answer. (6)

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## SECTION SIX: Some Other World Religions

### Part (a): Islam

32. (a) Outline **four** qualities which Muslims should show in their lives. (8)
- (b) Explain why killing a human being may sometimes be permitted. (6)
- (c) 'In a developed society it doesn't really matter what you eat.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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33. (a) Describe the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr. (8)
- (b) Explain why animals are slaughtered at Eid-ul-Adha. (6)
- (c) 'Celebrations are necessary to keep people together in society.'  
Comment on this view, giving reasons for your answer. (6)

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34. (a) Outline Islamic teaching about mothers. (8)
- (b) Explain how Muslims are expected to support members of their extended family in case of need. (6)
- (c) 'Children owe their parents everything.'  
Comment on this view, giving reasons for your answer. (6)

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35. (a) Outline Islamic teaching about the importance of being educated. (8)
- (b) Explain how wealthy Muslims should behave. (6)
- (c) To what extent can education assist a Muslim in the Greater Jihad? (6)

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36. (a) Describe **four** features of the mosque which remind Muslims of Allah. (8)
- (b) Explain why imams play an important role in the life of the mosque. (6)
- (c) 'Islam is a religion of peace.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your views. (6)

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**Turn over for Part (b)**

### Part (b): Buddhism

37. (a) What duties do lay Buddhists have towards their families? (8)
- (b) Explain why right livelihood is important to a lay Buddhist. (6)
- (c) ‘The monastic life has no useful effect in the real world.’  
Comment upon this view, giving reasons for your answer. (6)
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38. (a) Outline the teaching of the Four Noble Truths. (8)
- (b) Explain why Siddhatha Gautama is called “the Buddha”. (6)
- (c) ‘Those who are bereaved suffer. This is not due to selfish desire.’  
Comment upon this view, giving reasons for your answer. (6)
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39. (a) Outline the main characteristics of the three sections of the Tripitaka. (8)
- (b) Explain how merit-making takes place in the daily life of a lay Buddhist. (6)
- (c) ‘Meditation is a waste of time which could be better used for other things.’  
Comment on this view, giving reasons for your answer. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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40. (a) Describe **four** aspects of the eightfold path. (8)
- (b) Explain why wisdom, morality and meditation are all essential for enlightenment. (6)
- (c) ‘Science, not Buddhism, is the path to true knowledge.’  
Comment upon this statement, giving reasons for your answer. (6)
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41. (a) Outline how Siddharta Gautama came to believe in the Middle Way. (8)
- (b) Explain what is meant by 'The Three Jewels'. (6)
- (c) 'Monks should work for their living, not beg from others.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer (6)

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**Turn over for Part (c)**

**Part (c): Judaism**

42. (a) Outline the customs which are followed when a Jewish person has died. (8)
- (b) Explain what is involved in sitting Shiva, and observing Shloshim and Shannah. (6)
- (c) ‘It doesn’t matter what happens to people’s bodies after they are dead.’  
Comment upon this statement, giving reasons for your answer. (6)
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43. (a) Describe the interior of a synagogue. (8)
- (b) Explain why attendance in the synagogue is required of men, but optional for women. (6)
- (c) ‘The Almighty can be worshipped anywhere. Religious buildings should be used for other things.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for you answer. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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44. (a) Give **four** examples of Kosher and **four** of Trefah foods. (8)
- (b) Explain why the whole of the Tenakh is important for Jewish people. (6)
- (c) ‘It’s not what you eat, but how you live your life, which matters.’  
Comment upon this view, giving reasons for your answer. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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**Part (d): Hinduism**

45. (a) Name **four** Hindu texts and outline what kind of writings they contain. (8)
- (b) Explain what is meant by each of the following: dharma; samsara; karma. (6)
- (c) ‘Hindus believe in many gods’.  
Is this true? Give reasons for your answer. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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46. (a) Outline **four** rituals of transition (samskaras) in a Hindu’s life. (8)
- (b) Explain why being married is important for Hindus. (6)
- (c) ‘Arranged marriage is wrong in today’s society.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (6)
- (Total 20 marks)**
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47. (a) What are the duties of a man’s family towards his wife? (8)
- (b) Explain what is involved in artha. (6)
- (c) ‘It is actions, not beliefs, which matter in the Hindu way of life.’  
Discuss this statement, giving reasons for your views. (6)
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