

Paper Reference(s)

**7560**

# **London Examinations GCE**

## **Religious Studies**

### **Ordinary Level**

Tuesday 12 May 2009 – 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. (6).

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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**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) What steps did Abraham take to ensure a suitable marriage for Isaac? **(8)**
- (b) Explain how Rebekah's behaviour at the well showed her to have the characteristics of a good wife. **(6)**
- (c) 'Isaac and Rebekah had a successful marriage.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. **(6)**

**(Total 20 marks)**

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2. (a) Outline the events which led to Jacob's marriages. **(8)**
- (b) Explain why Jacob decided to leave Laban's service. **(6)**
- (c) 'Family relationships are the most important thing in life.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. **(6)**

**(Total 20 marks)**

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3. (a) Outline Pharaoh's dreams and Joseph's interpretation of them. **(8)**
- (b) Explain why Joseph's father and brothers settled in Egypt. **(6)**
- (c) 'Someone who believes God speaks to them in dreams is not a reliable adviser.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. **(6)**

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4. (a) What do the Ten Commandments teach about the sabbath? (8)
- (b) In what ways do the Ten Commandments uphold family life? (6)
- (c) 'Keeping the Ten Commandments is impossibly difficult today.'  
Is this true? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

5. (a) Outline the events on the day David brought the Ark to Jerusalem. (8)
- (b) What do these events tell us about David's character? (6)
- (c) 'More people would worship God if religious services were less solemn.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**Turn over for Part (b)**

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

6. (a) Outline the events when Naaman called upon Elisha. **(8)**
- (b) Why did Elisha disapprove of Jezebel? **(6)**
- (c) ‘We need prophets today to show us how to please God.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. **(6)**

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**(Total 20 marks)**

7. (a) Give examples of social injustice condemned by Isaiah. **(8)**
- (b) Explain Isaiah’s Parable of the Vineyard. **(6)**
- (c) ‘Without belief in God, people will only ever behave selfishly.’  
How far is this true? **(6)**

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8. (a) How did Jeremiah suffer as a consequence of his teachings? **(8)**
- (b) Explain the significance, to Jeremiah, of:
- (i) the almond in early bloom;
  - (ii) the cauldron tilted from the north;
  - (iii) the potter.
- (6)**
- (c) ‘People always ignore warnings about future disasters. That is why we are in such a mess today.’  
Comment upon this view. **(6)**

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**(Total 20 marks)**

9. (a) Describe Hosea's problems in his marriage. (8)
- (b) Explain the significance of the names of Hosea's children. (6)
- (c) 'God is love.'  
How far does the life and teaching of Hosea support this statement? (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

10. (a) What, according to Amos, were the sins of Israel? (8)
- (b) Why, according to Amos, were those who desired 'the day of the Lord' mistaken? (6)
- (c) 'Politics brings about social justice more effectively than does religion.'  
Comment on this view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

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

11. (a) What did the Angel Gabriel tell Mary about Jesus when he announced her forthcoming pregnancy?  
(8)
- (b) What can be learnt about Jesus' character from the incident in Jerusalem when he was 12 years old?  
(6)
- (c) 'In Judaism, people become adult at 12 or 13. Prolonged childhood encourages irresponsible behaviour. Children should learn to take responsibility much earlier in life.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view.  
(6)

**(Total 20 marks)**

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12. (a) Describe what happened when a paralysed man was brought to Jesus for healing.  
(8)
- (b) Why did Jesus disagree with the Pharisees about Sabbath observance?  
(6)
- (c) 'Spiritual health is more important than physical health.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view.  
(6)

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13. (a) Outline what happened when Jesus healed a man in the country of the Gerasenes.  
(8)
- (b) Explain why the people then asked Jesus to leave, and why he would not allow the healed man to go with him.  
(6)
- (c) 'If miracles took place today, more people would believe.'  
Comment upon this statement.  
(6)

**(Total 20 marks)**

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14. (a) Outline the Parable of the Rich Fool. (8)
- (b) What does this parable teach about discipleship? (6)
- (c) 'The love of money is the root of all evil.'  
How far is this true? (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

15. (a) What did Jesus teach about forgiveness in the Sermon on the Mount? (8)
- (b) Give **three** examples of forgiveness shown by Jesus during his ministry. (6)
- (c) 'If you don't take revenge people will take advantage of you.'  
Comment upon this statement. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

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

16. (a) Outline how Peter denied Jesus three times. **(8)**
- (b) Explain how, according to Luke, the disciples became convinced that Jesus had risen from the dead. **(6)**
- (c) ‘It is no longer possible for Christians today to be witnesses to the Resurrection.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. **(6)**

**(Total 20 marks)**

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17. (a) Describe how, following Peter’s speech on the day of Pentecost, the Early Church practised fellowship. **(8)**
- (b) Explain why the religious authorities were initially surprised by the actions of Peter and John. **(6)**
- (c) ‘People are abandoning Christianity today because it is too difficult to follow.’  
Comment upon this view. **(6)**

**(Total 20 marks)**

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18. (a) Outline the conversion of Saul. **(8)**
- (b) Explain how the disciples became convinced of Saul’s conversion. **(6)**
- (c) ‘True belief only comes through conversion.’  
Comment upon this statement. **(6)**

**(Total 20 marks)**

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19. (a) Describe the vision which persuaded Peter that Gentiles were acceptable as Christians. (8)
- (b) Explain the questions which arose about the acceptance of Gentiles into the Early Church, and how they were resolved. (6)
- (c) 'The Church today discriminates against women. This is just as wrong as racial discrimination.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

20. (a) What types of people does Paul identify within the Church in I Corinthians 12? (8)
- (b) Explain why Love, according to Paul, is the most important gift of the Holy Spirit. (6)
- (c) 'Those who love their neighbour have no need of God.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

#### SECTION FOUR: The Qur'an

21. (a) 'Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Creation...'  
Describe what 'Lord of the Creation' means. (8)
- (b) Briefly explain **three** other characteristics of Allah according to the Qu'ran. (6)
- (c) Comment on the view that the existence of the universe proves the existence of God. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

22. (a) Outline the story of the prophet Nuh (Noah) as told in the Qu'ran. (8)
- (b) Explain how this story illustrates the mercy of Allah. (6)
- (c) What lessons does this story provide for believers today? (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

23. (a) Outline the teaching of the Qu'ran about the care of orphans. (8)
- (b) What might be learned from this teaching about family responsibilities? (6)
- (c) 'The state should provide for the helpless.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

24. (a) What does the Qu'ran teach about taking human life? (8)
- (b) Explain why the teachings of the Qu'ran about business dealings are important for Muslims today. (6)
- (c) 'Capital punishment is always wrong.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

25. (a) Outline the teachings of the Qu'ran concerning the afterlife. (8)
- (b) Explain how non-Muslims may be accepted into Paradise. (6)
- (c) 'Belief in an afterlife encourages people to ignore the problems in this world.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (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) For what religious reasons do people choose to have children? (8)
- (b) Explain why religious believers maintain the importance of marriage. (6)
- (c) 'Religious leaders should stop telling people how to behave in their private lives.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

27. (a) Describe **two** ways in which modern life may disrupt family relationships. (8)
- (b) Explain how religious teachings may assist families to maintain good relationships. (6)
- (c) 'If women stayed at home to look after the children, then the world would be a better place.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

### Part (b): Work, leisure and money

28. (a) Give **four** reasons why it is important to be honest in one's business dealings. (8)
- (b) Explain why some lawful occupations may be unacceptable to religious believers. (6)
- (c) 'You should work to live, not live to work.'  
Comment upon this statement. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

29. (a) Describe the work of **one** charitable organisation. (8)
- (b) Explain why religious believers support charitable works. (6)
- (c) 'It is the duty of families to care for the needy.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

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

30. (a) Outline **four** ways in which some groups are discriminated against. (8)
- (b) Explain why it may be right to treat some people differently from others. (6)
- (c) 'People who choose to emigrate should accept the local customs.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

31. (a) Suggest **four** reasons why some countries are much poorer than others. (8)
- (b) Why do some people argue that giving aid is not the answer to poverty? (6)
- (c) Is it ever right for a religious believer to be rich? (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

## SECTION SIX: Some Other World Religions

### Part (a): Islam

32. (a) What are the rules for giving Zakah? (8)

(b) Explain how the rich benefit from giving Zakah. (6)

(c) 'The poor need education rather than money if they are to improve their lives.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

33. (a) How did the teaching of Muhammad change Arabian society? (8)

(b) Explain how Muhammad differed from previous prophets. (6)

(c) 'You don't need to follow religious teaching to be a good person.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

34. (a) What are the rules for proper treatment of prisoners of war? (8)

(b) Explain how these rules reflect Islamic beliefs about the nature of Allah. (6)

(c) 'Non-violent resistance is better than war.'  
How far is this statement true? (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

35. (a) What are the duties of husbands and wives within marriage? (8)

(b) Explain why it is best for a Muslim man to marry a Muslim woman. (6)

(c) 'In the modern world, women have no need of marriage.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

36. (a) What are:

- (i) Ijma;
- (ii) Qiyas?

**(8)**

(b) Explain why gambling is haram.

**(6)**

(c) 'It is not sensible to impose age-old rules of dress in modern times.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view.

**(6)**

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**Turn over for Part (b)**

### Part (b): Buddhism

37. (a) Describe the ordination of a Buddhist monk. (8)
- (b) Why is the Sangha important to lay Buddhists? (6)
- (c) 'Meditation is a waste of time.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

38. (a) Outline the origins and development of Zen Buddhism. (8)
- (b) Explain what zazen consists of. (6)
- (c) 'It is much better to think things through than to rely on your feelings.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

39. (a) Describe how, in Theravada Buddhism, the laity may achieve merit. (8)
- (b) Explain why a Bodhisatva is important for Buddhists. (6)
- (c) 'There is every reason to believe in rebirth.'  
Comment on this view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

40. (a) Outline the Buddha's life from the time he left the palace until his enlightenment. (8)
- (b) Explain why regular devotion at a shrine may help Buddhists on the path to Enlightenment. (6)
- (c) 'Images of the Buddha distract people from following the Noble Eight-fold Path.'  
Comment upon this view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)



41. (a) What, according to Buddhism, are the duties of:

- (i) employers;
- (ii) employees?

**(8)**

(b) Explain why the Dhammapada is an important text for Buddhists.

**(6)**

(c) 'A fool who thinks he is a fool is for that reason a wise man.'  
Comment upon this statement from the Dhammapada.

**(6)**

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**Turn over for Part (c)**

### Part (c): Judaism

42. (a) Outline what happens on Simchat Torah. (8)
- (b) Explain **three** other ways in which Jews show respect for Torah. (6)
- (c) ‘Love God and love your neighbour.’  
Is this a sufficient guide for life? Give reasons for your answer. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

43. (a) Describe the procedure by which a Jewish couple may obtain a religious divorce. (8)
- (b) What, according to Judaism, are the possible grounds for divorce? (6)
- (c) ‘A man without a wife is not complete.’  
Comment upon this statement. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

44. (a) Describe what happens at a Brit Milah ceremony. (8)
- (b) Why are children important in Judaism? (6)
- (c) ‘Overpopulation is a major problem in the world. People should have smaller families.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

**Part (d): Hinduism**

45. (a) Outline **four** features of Aryan society between 2000 – 1500 BCE. (8)
- (b) Explain how Aryan beliefs continue to affect Hindu worship. (6)
- (c) Consider the benefits and disadvantages of the caste system today. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

46. (a) Outline the role of images in worship. (8)
- (b) Explain why:
- (i) karma;
  - (ii) moksha;
  - (iii) yoga
- are important in Hinduism. (6)
- (c) ‘Traditions stop people making progress.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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(Total 20 marks)

47. (a) Outline the events at a Hindu wedding. (8)
- (b) Explain why Hindus go on pilgrimage. (6)
- (c) ‘Only fools believe in miracles.’  
Comment upon this view. (6)

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