

Paper Reference(s)

**7560**

# London Examinations GCE

## Religious Studies

### Ordinary Level

Monday 17 May 2010 – 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.

**YOU MUST NOT TAKE COPIES OF THE TEXTS INTO THE EXAMINATION.**

#### **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.**  
**You must choose questions from at least TWO different sections**  
**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) 'I shall be your God and you shall be my people.'  
What did Abraham understand by this message? (8)
- (b) Give **six** examples of how believers today keep the covenant. (6)
- (c) 'A true believer does not need to follow ancient rules.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

2. (a) What part did Rebekah play in the plot to deceive Isaac? (8)
- (b) Explain **two** consequences of this event. (6)
- (c) For believers today, what may be learnt from Jacob's reconciliation with Esau? (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

3. (a) Describe how Joseph made himself unpopular with his brothers. (8)
- (b) Explain why Pharaoh made Joseph a senior minister. (6)
- (c) 'The story of Joseph illustrates the importance of the family.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

4. (a) What do the Ten Commandments say about family responsibilities? (8)
- (b) Explain how responsibilities towards other people in these commandments are obeyed today. (6)
- (c) 'It is impossible to "keep the sabbath holy" in the modern world.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

5. (a) Why was Saul jealous of David? (8)
- (b) What do David's reactions to the news of Saul's death reveal about his attitude to Saul? (6)
- (c) 'David was a good role model.'  
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) Describe what happened when Elisha met the Syrian army at Dothan. (8)
- (b) Explain what may be learned from these events about how prayer can bring about change. (6)
- (c) 'It is better to rely on God than on human effort.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

7. (a) How did Amos describe the Day of Judgement? (8)
- (b) Why did Amos preach that Israel's sins were worse than those of other nations? (6)
- (c) To what extent should governments take notice of religious teaching? (6)

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8. (a) Outline the contents of the letter from Jeremiah to the exiles in Babylon. (8)
- (b) Explain what he hoped to achieve by this. (6)
- (c) 'Jeremiah is a prophet of hope.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

9. (a) Describe Elijah's actions on Mount Carmel immediately before the end of the drought. (8)
- (b) What can be learned from these actions about the role of a prophet at this time? (6)
- (c) 'We still need prophets today.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

10. (a) Outline Hosea's relationship with his wife and children. (8)
- (b) Explain how Hosea related his home circumstances to conditions in Israel at that time. (6)
- (c) How far is Hosea a good role model for believers today? (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 John the Baptist's speech to the crowds who came to be baptised at the River Jordan. (8)
- (b) Why was John the Baptist important to the ministry of Jesus? (6)
- (c) To what extent is John the Baptist a role model for believers today? (6)

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12. (a) Describe the events when Jesus called Peter, James and John to be His followers. (8)
- (b) Explain the meaning of the parable of the sower. (6)
- (c) 'Preachers do more harm than good.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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13. (a) In the Sermon on the Mount, what did Jesus teach about revenge? (8)
- (b) Explain how Jesus put this teaching into practice on two occasions. (6)
- (c) 'There are times when you have to defend yourself.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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14. (a) Describe the healing of the centurion's servant. (8)
- (b) What significance does this story have for believers today? (6)
- (c) 'Miracles are impossible.'  
How would you respond to this? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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15. (a) Outline what happened at Jesus' trials before Pilate and Herod. (8)
- (b) What does the trial before Herod show about Herod's character? (6)
- (c) Should Jesus have attempted to justify Himself at His trial?  
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) Describe the conversion of Saul. (8)
- (b) Explain how his conversion changed Saul's beliefs. (6)
- (c) To what extent did Paul's teachings change the Christian faith? (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

17. (a) Outline ways in which Barnabas was important in the Early Church. (8)
- (b) Explain how Barnabas' life illustrates the nature of discipleship. (6)
- (c) 'Christianity is too demanding.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

18. (a) Outline Paul's teaching about unity in the letter to the Corinthians. (8)
- (b) Explain why Paul thought it was better for believers to remain unmarried. (6)
- (c) Discuss Paul's attitude to women. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**



19. (a) What, according to Paul, are spiritual gifts? (8)
- (b) Explain the meaning of Paul's description of the Church as 'one body'. (6)
- (c) Discuss the importance of hope in the lives of believers. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

20. (a) Outline Paul's activities at Lystra in Lycaonia. (8)
- (b) Why was Paul disliked by so many people? (6)
- (c) 'Trying to convert people is wrong.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

#### SECTION FOUR: The Qur'an

21. (a) Give an outline of how the Qur'an was compiled. (8)
- (b) Explain how Muslims show their respect for the Qur'an. (6)
- (c) 'The Qur'an does not give Muslims enough guidance to deal with modern problems.'  
How far is this true? (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

22. (a) What does the Qur'an teach about the prophets other than Muhammad? (8)
- (b) Why is Muhammad sometimes described as 'the living Qur'an'? (6)
- (c) How important is it for Muslims to understand the lives and teachings of the prophets? (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

23. (a) Outline the teachings of the Qur'an about suitable marriage partners. (8)
- (b) Explain why Muslims should treat non-Muslims with respect. (6)
- (c) Some people believe that Islamic laws can lead to conflict.  
How would you respond to this? (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

24. (a) Outline **four** beliefs about Muhammad taught in the Qur'an. (8)
- (b) Explain how Qur'anic teaching brought changes to the people of Arabia. (6)
- (c) Discuss whether the Muslim dress code for women is a good thing today. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

25. (a) Define 'halal' and 'haram', giving **three** examples of each. (8)
- (b) Explain why obedience to the laws about food brings benefit to Muslims. (6)
- (c) It is sometimes difficult to find halal foods. Discuss how a Muslim might overcome this problem. (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) Describe the teachings of any **one** religion about divorce. (8)
- (b) Explain why a religious believer may decide not to have children. (6)
- (c) ‘Sex outside marriage is wrong.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

27. (a) Describe the teachings of **one** religion about abortion. (8)
- (b) Explain religious teachings about the duties of parents. (6)
- (c) ‘Arranged marriages are best.’  
How would you respond to this claim? (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

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

28. (a) Describe **four** leisure activities which a religious believer might avoid. (8)
- (b) Explain why religious believers think that education is important. (6)
- (c) ‘There is more to life than work.’  
Comment on this claim. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

29. (a) Outline the correct uses of money, according to religious teaching. (8)
- (b) Explain why religious believers may refuse to gamble. (6)
- (c) Should the state support unemployed people?  
Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

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

30. (a) Give **four** examples of civil laws based upon religious teachings. (8)
- (b) Explain why religious believers might disobey a civil law. (6)
- (c) ‘The punishment should fit the crime.’  
Comment on this claim. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

31. (a) Outline religious teachings about prejudice. (8)
- (b) Explain why some people think that religions discriminate against women. (6)
- (c) ‘It is ridiculous to claim that all people are equal.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

## SECTION SIX: Some Other World Religions

### Part (a): Islam

32. (a) Describe the following rites of Hajj:
- (i) Tawaf (circling);
  - (ii) Sa'i (running).
- (8)
- (b) Explain why the Hajj is different from the other pillars of Islam.
- (6)
- (c) 'It is not necessary to perform Hajj in order to please God.'  
Comment upon this claim.
- (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

33. (a) Outline the preparations Muslims make before prayer.
- (8)
- (b) Explain the purposes of prayer.
- (6)
- (c) 'Prayer is a waste of time.'  
How would you respond to this?
- (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

34. (a) Describe the Ka'aba.
- (8)
- (b) Explain the role of an imam.
- (6)
- (c) 'Religious buildings are unnecessary.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view.
- (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

35. (a) Describe the Aqiqa ceremony and the rituals which follow. (8)
- (b) Explain the significance of the Hijra. (6)
- (c) 'Festivals are just an excuse to have a good time.'  
Comment upon this claim. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

36. (a) Outline the rituals which take place when a Muslim dies. (8)
- (b) Explain why the Shi'a community has special customs during the first ten days of Muharram. (6)
- (c) 'Belief in the Day of Judgement ensures that people try to be good.'  
Discuss this view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

**Turn over for Part (b)**

**Part (b): Buddhism**

37. (a) What are the Three Jewels and the three 'poisons'? (8)
- (b) Explain why the Three Jewels are important to Buddhists. (6)
- (c) 'The way to overcome the poisons is to observe the precepts.'  
How far is this true? (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

38. (a) Outline the importance of Emperor Asoka in the history of Buddhism. (8)
- (b) Explain what is meant, in Zen Buddhism, by 'satori'. (6)
- (c) 'Don't just do something, sit there!'  
How far is this an accurate definition of meditation? (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

39. (a) What is a Bodhisattva? (8)
- (b) Explain the teachings of the Lotus Sutra about Buddhahood. (6)
- (c) 'Buddha images are unhelpful to believers.'  
Discuss this claim. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

40. (a) Describe the festival of Wesak. (8)
- (b) Explain what Buddhists mean by Samsara. (6)
- (c) 'Rebirth is the clearest way to explain injustice in the world.'  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**



41. (a) Describe a Buddhist funeral. (8)
- (b) Why is meditation important in Buddhism? (6)
- (c) To what extent are koans useful? (6)
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**Turn over for Part (c)**

**Part (c): Judaism**

42. (a) What does the Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) teach about attitudes to others and to justice? (8)

(b) Explain why the set passages of the Pentateuch stress duties towards foreigners. (6)

(c) ‘“Treat other people as you would wish to be treated” is the only rule needed to live a good life.’  
Comment on this view. (6)

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43. (a) Describe a Jewish wedding. (8)

(b) Explain why marriage is a duty for men, but not for women. (6)

(c) ‘Too many people take marriage lightly these days.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

44. (a) Describe what mourners do during the seven days following a funeral. (8)

(b) Explain why the Kaddish is said. (6)

(c) ‘What happens after death is unknown.’  
Comment upon this statement. (6)

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**(Total 20 marks)**

**Part (d): Hinduism**

45. (a) Outline the role of the Trimurti in Hindu teaching. (8)
- (b) Explain why belief in Durga and Ganesha is important for many Hindus. (6)
- (c) ‘Beliefs about the gods explain the meaning of life.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

46. (a) Outline the caste system in Hinduism. (8)
- (b) Explain why, according to Hinduism, people are born into different castes. (6)
- (c) ‘Rebirth is the only way to explain injustice in the world.’  
Do you agree? Give reasons for your view. (6)
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- (Total 20 marks)**

47. (a) Outline the rituals some Hindus perform at the start of the day. (8)
- (b) Explain the importance of the Vedas for Hindus. (6)
- (c) ‘The best form of worship is living a moral life.’  
Comment upon this view. (6)
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