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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Choose **two** of Sections A, B and C and answer **all** the questions in each of your chosen sections.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Choose **two** of Sections A, B and C and answer **all** questions in each of your chosen sections.

Section A – Christianity

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 1 (a) (i) State **four** Christian beliefs expressed in the Apostles' Creed. [4]
- (ii) Give **three** ways in which the Bible might be used for worship. [3]
- (b) Explain how Christians might use the Bible for guidance in their life. [7]
- (c) 'The New Testament is the most important part of the Bible for Christians.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

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- (a) (i) What is a 'Family Service'? [2]
- (ii) Describe what might happen at the main weekly act of Christian worship. [5]
- (b) Explain why attending a public act of worship is important for Christians. [7]
- (c) 'Private acts of worship are more important than public acts of worship.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

Section B – Islam

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 3** (a) (i) State **three** things a Muslim does before praying. [3]
- (ii) Give **four** important features of a mosque. [4]
- (b) Explain the significance for Muslims of these four important features. [7]
- (c) 'Muslims do not need buildings like mosques to practise their religion.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [6]
- 4** 'Read in the name of your Lord who created: created man from a clot of blood. Read! Your Lord is Most Generous, who taught man with the pen, taught man what he did not know.'
Sura 96: 1-5
- (a) Describe the first revelation of the Qur'an to Muhammad (pbuh). [7]
- (b) Explain why Muslims believe Muhammad (pbuh) is the Seal of the Prophets. [7]
- (c) 'The teachings in the Qur'an apply to everyone, everywhere.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [6]

Section C – Judaism

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 5 (a) (i) What is a mezuzah? [3]
- (ii) Give **four** features of a synagogue. [4]
- (b) Explain why **both** the Rabbi **and** the Chazan are important in a Jewish community. [7]
- (c) 'In Judaism, the home is more important than the synagogue.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [6]
- 6 **The Seder (which means order) is a special ceremony held in the Jewish home at Pesach (Passover). It is based on the instruction in the Torah that parents should tell their children about God's deliverance of the Israelites and their escape from slavery in Egypt.**
- (a) (i) Describe what is done in the house before Pesach begins. [2]
- (ii) Name the symbolic foods on the Seder plate. [5]
- (b) Explain the meaning of the symbolic food and wine used at Pesach. [7]
- (c) 'Festivals are the best way for Jews to learn about their religion.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [6]

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