



Cambridge International Examinations
Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

0490/12

Paper 1

October/November 2014

1 hour 45 minutes

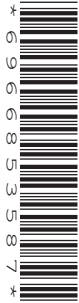
No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

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

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



This document consists of **4** printed pages and **1** Insert.

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

Section A – Christianity

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

- 1 (a) (i) What makes Bethlehem a place of pilgrimage for Christians? [4]
 (ii) Name **three** other places of Christian pilgrimage. [3]
 (b) Explain why Christians believe that Jesus had to suffer. [7]
 (c) 'Easter is a more important festival than Christmas.'
 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]

2

Suzy and Wesley invite you to the celebration of their wedding
on
Saturday 12th April 2014 1.00 p.m.
at
The United Christian Mission
Tlotlo.

- (a) (i) What role does the Priest/Minister have in a Christian marriage ceremony? [3]
 (ii) What vows do the couple usually make to each other? [4]
 (b) Explain why a couple make vows in a Christian marriage ceremony. [7]
 (c) 'Christian teachings on married life are out of date.'
 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) Describe what happens when a sacrifice is carried out at Id al-Adha. [3]
(ii) Describe the event that is remembered during this sacrifice. [4]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Muslim belief in Risalah (Prophets). [7]
- (c) 'Muslims make too many personal sacrifices for 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** 'A Muslim was accepted as an astronaut on an American Space programme. The mission was launched during Ramadan. He could have been excused from fasting because he was a traveller. He decided, however, to show his obedience to God by fasting in Space.'
- (a) (i) Describe **three** rules of Sawm. [3]
(ii) What happens during the last ten days of Ramadan? [4]
- (b) Explain the ways in which Sawm and Zakah strengthen the ummah. [7]
- (c) 'It is difficult for rich people to be religious.'
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 the purpose of a ketubah at a Jewish marriage ceremony? [3]
 (ii) Describe **four** other features of a Jewish marriage ceremony. [4]
- (b) Explain why marriage to a Jewish partner is important to some Jews. [7]
- (c) ‘Strongly held religious beliefs can cause difficulties in a marriage.’
 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 **‘These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.’**

Deuteronomy 6:6–7

- (a) Give a description of each of these items, used in daily prayer.
- (i) tefillin (phylacteries) [3]
 (ii) tallit (prayer shawl) [2]
 (iii) yarmulka /kippah (skull cap) [2]
- (b) Explain how Jews show that the commands in the Shema are central in their lives. [7]
- (c) ‘All religious practices should involve children.’
 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]

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

Cambridge International Examinations is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is itself a department of the University of Cambridge.