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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 **two** of 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 **two** of the questions in each of your chosen sections.

Section A – Christianity

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the parts in **two** of the questions.

- 1 (a) Outline the Christian belief in the Trinity. [7]
- (b) Explain why Christians celebrate the festivals of:
- (i) Advent
- (ii) Ascension. [7]
- (c) 'Christians should know the gospel stories of the life of Jesus.'
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 (a) Describe what a Christian family might do on a Sunday to make it a special day. [7]
- (b) Explain why celebrating Sunday is important for Christians. [7]
- (c) 'Christian attitudes to Sunday are out of date.'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]
- 3 (a) Outline the role and duties of bishops. [7]
- (b) Explain why Christians need leaders in their religion and in worship. [7]
- (c) 'Prayer should not be about asking for favours.'
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 parts in **two** of the questions.

- 4** (a) Describe what happens at Jummah (Friday mid-day prayer) in the mosque. [7]
- (b) Explain the reasons why the mihrab and the qiblah are important to Muslims. [7]
- (c) 'Prayer with other Muslims is the best kind of prayer.'
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]
- 5** (a) How do Muslims celebrate Lailat ul-Qadr (Night of Power)? [7]
- (b) Explain the significance of Madinah for Muslims. [7]
- (c) 'Historical places are not important in 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]
- 6** (a) Why is the Qur'an a sacred text for Muslims? [7]
- (b) Explain the importance of Shariah for Muslims. [7]
- (c) 'Islam could not exist without the Qur'an.'
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 parts in **two** of the questions.

- 7** (a) Describe how one Jewish international organisation works to relieve poverty. [7]
- (b) Explain how Jewish teachings about charitable giving are put into practice in daily life. [7]
- (c) 'Helping the poor is more important than worship.'
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]
- 8** (a) Describe the celebration of Rosh Hashanah (New Year) in the home and in the synagogue. [7]
- (b) Explain the importance, in Judaism, of celebrating festivals in the home. [7]
- (c) 'A fast is more important than a festival.'
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]
- 9** (a) Describe the food laws which Jews follow. [7]
- (b) Explain how believing in the Covenant affects the life of a Jew. [7]
- (c) 'Religious laws stop people from thinking for themselves.'
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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