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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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.

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Section A – Christianity

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

- 1 (a) (i) Name **three** days in Lent which have significance for Christians. [3]
- (ii) Describe the different ways in which Christians might observe Lent. [4]
- (b) Explain why Holy Week is an important preparation time for Easter. [7]
- (c) ‘Some Christians think that there should be fewer festivals.’
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

God gave Moses Ten Commandments.
**Jesus told his disciples that the greatest commandment was to ‘Love
God and
love your neighbour as yourself’.**

- (a) (i) Give **three** of the Ten Commandments that must be followed to show love of God. [3]
- (ii) State **four** of the other Commandments that enable Christians to show love for their neighbour. [4]
- (b) Explain how Christ’s teachings about love and concern for others might influence the life of a Christian. [7]
- (c) ‘Serving others is a Christian principle that is not fashionable today.’
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) Name **three** of the Five Pillars. [3]
- (ii) Give **four other** important religious beliefs of Muslims. [4]
- (b) Explain why Muslims believe that without the Five Pillars Islam would not exist. [7]
- (c) 'Religion should be a private matter.'
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

**The journey to Yathrib was known as the Hijrah, meaning migration.
Yathrib took the
new name of Madinat-an-Nabi, or Madinah.
The year was 622 and this became the first year of the Muslim calendar.**

- (a) (i) Give **three** reasons why Muhammad (pbuh) decided to make the journey from Makkah to Yathrib. [3]
- (ii) Describe what happened on his arrival in Yathrib. [4]
- (b) Explain why, in the Qur'an, Muhammad (pbuh) is referred to as the 'Seal of the Prophets'. [7]
- (c) 'For Muslims, all the prophets have equal importance.'
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) Describe how Jewish children might be taught to give charity. [3]
- (ii) Describe the Jewish belief in Gemilut hasadim (kind actions). [4]
- (b) Explain the significance in Judaism of the teaching of tzedaka (righteous giving). [7]
- (c) ‘Charitable giving should be a matter of choice, not a religious duty.’
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

Pesach is the beginning of the Jewish religious year and takes place 15–22 Nissan.
No work except preparing food is allowed on the first and last days of the festival.
In the Torah, Pesach is called Chag Ha’Matzot, the feast of unleavened bread.

- (a) (i) Describe how the preparations in the Jewish home make sure that Pesach is the feast of unleavened bread. [3]
- (ii) What is the Haggadah and how is it used during Pesach? [4]
- (b) Explain the significance of the special items that will be laid out on the Seder table when Pesach is celebrated. [7]
- (c) ‘All Jewish festivals are of equal importance.’
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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