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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 **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.

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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** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

- 1 (a) What happens in a traditional Christian marriage ceremony? [7]
- (b) Explain the ways in which traditional teaching on the roles of men and women might affect a Christian marriage. [7]
- (c) 'Marriages are stronger if husband and wife share the same religion.'
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) Give an account of a Christian Confirmation service. [7]
- (b) Explain why First Communion is an important step of commitment in faith. [7]
- (c) 'Becoming a Christian is not an easy step to take.'
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) Describe **one** place of Christian pilgrimage. [7]
- (b) Explain the ways in which a Christian might benefit from visiting a place of pilgrimage. [7]
- (c) 'Christian pilgrim sites should only be open 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]

Section B – Islam

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

- 4** (a) Describe how the Ummah unites Muslims worldwide. [7]
- (b) Explain why Shariah law is important to some Muslims. [7]
- (c) 'Obeying God's laws is the most important part of 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]
- 5** (a) Give an account of Muslim funeral rites. [7]
- (b) Explain why Muslims regard their earthly life as a test from God. [7]
- (c) 'Muslims should be allowed to mourn the dead for as long as they need.'
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) Give an account of how Muslims give Zakah and how it is used. [7]
- (b) Explain the ways Zakah benefits individual Muslims and the community as a whole. [7]
- (c) 'The relief of poverty is the responsibility of the government, not 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]

Section C – Judaism

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

- 7 (a) Give an account of the rituals in a Jewish marriage ceremony. [7]
- (b) Explain the importance of the role of a Rabbi in a Jewish community. [7]
- (c) 'Marriage within Judaism preserves the existence of the 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]
- 8 (a) Give an account of not working on Shabbat. [7]
- (b) Explain why Shabbat customs are believed to encourage and refresh religious belief. [7]
- (c) 'Home and synagogue are of equal importance to Jews.'
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 how Jews follow the kashrut rules on food. [7]
- (b) Explain why some Jews believe that following the rules on food is an important part of their Covenant with God. [7]
- (c) 'Religious rules about food are not practical today.'
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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