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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) Describe the duties of a Christian priest (vicar/minister). [7]
- (b) Explain the ways in which a Christian community might make their church a successful one. [7]
- (c) 'Getting people to attend church services is a minister's most important duty.'
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 the promises made by:
- (i) a bride and a groom at a Christian marriage ceremony **and**
- (ii) godparents at an infant baptism. [7]
- (b) Explain why Christians believe that marriage is the right relationship in which to raise children. [7]
- (c) 'Christian teachings on the family are out of date.'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) Describe the purpose and activities of Christian missionary work. [7]
- (b) Explain why Jesus said the Two Greatest Commandments are all that is needed. [7]
- (c) 'Seeking wealth stops people being religious.'
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) Outline, with examples, what is meant by the terms halal and haram. [7]
- (b) Explain the importance of Aqeeqah (sacrifice) in Muslim life. [7]
- (c) 'Religious rules should never be changed.'
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) Describe the marriage (Nikah) ceremony and include any customs carried out before and after the event. [7]
- (b) Explain the teachings about marriage in Islam. [7]
- (c) 'Everyone has the right to choose their own marriage partner.'
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) Describe the different ways Muslims carry out their duty to the poor. [7]
- (b) Explain how all members of a Muslim family are valued and cared for. [7]
- (c) 'Caring for the family is more important than helping the poor.'
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 ways in which religion plays a part in the Jewish home. [7]
- (b) Explain why religious symbols in the home are important to some Jews. [7]
- (c) 'Families worshipping together strengthens their faith.'
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 rituals of Shiva. [7]
- (b) Explain the benefits of this intense period of mourning. [7]
- (c) 'Funerals should be private occasions.'
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) Outline the traditional teaching about the role of women in Judaism. [7]
- (b) Explain **two** aspects of Jewish marriage that might strengthen the faith of the couple. [7]
- (c) 'Marriage is a bond that should not be broken.'
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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