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# Religious Studies

**Unit 8: Religion and society based on a study of Christianity and at least one other religion**

Wednesday 13 May 2015 – Afternoon

**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5RS08/01**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

## Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each of the **four** sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 84.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION 1 – RELIGION: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

**YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR IN THIS SECTION.**

**EITHER**

- 1** (a) What is the **Decalogue**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should support human rights?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why some Christians use Situation Ethics when making a moral decision and some do not. (8)
- (d) "Voting is a waste of time."  
In your answer you should refer to Christianity.  
(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)  
(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**  
**(Total for Question 1 = 24 marks)**

**OR**

- 2** (a) What is a **political party**? (2)
- (b) Do you think Christians should use the teaching of the Church when making a moral decision?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain how genetic engineering can be used to help people. (8)
- (d) "It is impossible to follow the Golden Rule in every situation."  
In your answer you should refer to Christianity.  
(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)  
(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**  
**(Total for Question 2 = 24 marks)**



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**Question 2** ☒

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**SECTION 2 – RELIGION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MEDICAL ISSUES**

**You must answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER**

- 3** (a) What is **artificial insemination**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious people should donate their organs when they die?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain how people can reduce global warming. (8)
- (d) "There will always be natural resources to use."  
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

- 4** (a) What is the **environment**? (2)
- (b) Do you think stewardship is an important religious teaching for the world today?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \* (c) Explain why infertility treatment is important to childless couples. (8)
- (d) "People can solve the problem of pollution."  
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

**(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)**



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**SECTION 3 – RELIGION: PEACE AND CONFLICT**

**You must answer ONE question from this section.**

**EITHER**

- 5** (a) What is meant by **weapons of mass destruction**? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious people should fight in wars?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Choose **one** religion *other than Christianity* and explain why its followers are against bullying. (8)
- (d) "Religious organisations cannot prevent wars."  
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

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**(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

- 6** (a) What does **respect** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think the United Nations has made the world more peaceful?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why forgiveness and reconciliation are important for Christians. (8)
- (d) "It is impossible to have a just war."  
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
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## SECTION 4 – RELIGION: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

You must answer **ONE** question from this section.

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- 7 (a) What does **crime** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think non-religious people should support capital punishment?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why there are laws to control the use of drugs. (8)
- (d) "All criminals should be rehabilitated."  
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 7 = 20 marks)

### OR

- 8 (a) What does **reform** mean? (2)
- (b) Do you think religious people should drink alcohol?  
Give **two** reasons for your point of view. (4)
- \*(c) Explain why some Christians agree with capital punishment. (8)
- (d) "It is always a sin to break the law ."  
In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.
- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion. (3)
- (ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you. (3)

(Total for Question 8 = 20 marks)



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