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RELIGIOUS STUDIES **0490/23**

Paper 2 **October/November 2020**

1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
  - You must answer from **two** sections.
  - In each of your chosen sections, you must answer all of the parts of **two** of the questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **four** questions in total. You must answer from **two** sections.

Section A – Christianity

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

1 **(a)** Describe how Christians might observe Advent, before the Christmas festival. [7]

(b) Explain the importance of Good Friday for Christians. [7]

(c) 'Too many Christian festivals are ignored 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]

[Total: 20]

2 **(a)** Give an account of what happens at a believer's baptism. [7]

(b) Explain why Christians might think it is important to have a religious ritual when a person becomes committed to being a Christian. [7]

(c) 'Christians should not be afraid of death.'
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]

[Total: 20]

3 **(a)** Describe the features of Rome which make it a place of pilgrimage for Christians. [7]

(b) Explain why Easter is a time when Christians might choose to go on pilgrimage. [7]

(c) 'Christians should not combine holidays with pilgrimages.'
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]

[Total: 20]

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Section B – Islam

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

4 **(a)** Describe the observance of the fast during Ramadan. [7]

(b) Explain the reasons there might be for not fasting during Ramadan **and** the ways compensation might be made for this. [7]

(c) 'Fasting only benefits the person who is doing it.'
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]

[Total: 20]

5 **(a)** Give an account of:

(i) the mahr (dowry) **and**

(ii) the roles of witnesses at a Muslim wedding. [7]

(b) Explain why many Muslim marriages are arranged marriages. [7]

(c) 'If necessary, Muslims should migrate to other countries to preserve their religious traditions.'
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]

[Total: 20]

6 **(a)** Describe how Shariah (law) is put into practice. [7]

(b) Explain the benefits to Muslims of belonging to a strong religious community. [7]

(c) 'In Islam it is equally important to help both the local and international community.'
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]

[Total: 20]

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Section C – Judaism

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

7 **(a)** Describe how Jews keep alive the memory of the Temple in their festivals. [7]

(b) Explain why the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem (Yad Vashem) is so significant to many Jews. [7]

(c) 'Remembering the past makes Judaism stronger.'
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]

[Total: 20]

8 **(a)** Describe Jewish funeral rites. [7]

(b) Explain why the chevra kaddisha is an important part of the Jewish community. [7]

(c) 'People should be allowed to mourn the dead in their own way.'
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]

[Total: 20]

9 **(a)** Describe **two** ways in which some Jews keep themselves separate from others. [7]

(b) Explain why, in Judaism, helping the disadvantaged is the responsibility of the whole community. [7]

(c) 'Obeying the mitzvot will not bring about a perfect world.'
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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