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RELIGIOUS STUDIES **0490/12**

Paper 1 **October/November 2021**

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** 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** the questions.

1 **(a)** **(i)** Describe what hierarchy means to Christians. [3]

(ii) Describe the role of the head of **one** church hierarchy you have studied. [4]

(b) Explain the importance of having a hierarchy for some Christian communities. [7]

(c) 'A religious hierarchy is not necessary for an individual to have a relationship with God.' 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]

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(a) **(i)** What does the word pilgrimage mean? [3]

(ii) Describe the places some Christian pilgrims might visit in Rome. [4]

(b) Explain what a Christian might gain from a pilgrimage to Bethlehem. [7]

(c) 'Going on a pilgrimage might help individuals but does nothing for their community.' 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]

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Section B – Islam

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

3 **(a)** **(i)** Describe how a Muslim might perform du'a (private devotion). [3]

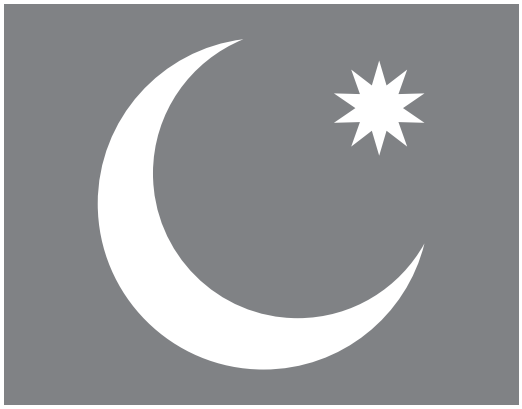
(ii) Describe occasions when a Muslim might use a compass. [4]

(b) Explain the importance of the adhan (call to prayer). [7]

(c) 'Only a community led by an Imam can effectively pray to God.'
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]

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(a) **(i)** What is Lailat ul-Qadr (Night of Power)? [3]

(ii) How do Muslims observe a fast? [4]

(b) Explain the importance of the last ten days of Ramadan. [7]

(c) 'In today's world, fasting is a more important sign of faith than ever.'
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]

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Section C – Judaism

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

5 **(a)** **(i)** What is a mezuzah? [3]

(ii) Describe **two** other artefacts used in worship in a Jewish home. [4]

(b) Explain the importance of symbols and artefacts to Jewish believers. [7]

(c) 'Artefacts are helpful for worship, not a distraction.'
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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(a) **(i)** Describe the preparations for Shabbat (Sabbath). [4]

(ii) Name **three** things Jews do on Shabbat (Sabbath). [3]

(b) Explain the importance of Shabbat (Sabbath). [7]

(c) 'Today, it is a challenge for all Jews to rest on Shabbat (Sabbath).'
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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