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Paper 2 **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 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 the basic differences in content between the Old Testament and New Testament. [7]

(b) Explain the importance of the New Testament for Christians. [7]

(c) 'The Old Testament is still a useful guide for Christians 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 **one** story from the life of Jesus in which he suffered. [7]

(b) Explain Christian beliefs about God forgiving sins. [7]

(c) 'It is not easy to "be perfect" as Jesus commanded.'
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 **one** Christian ceremony in which the Holy Spirit is believed to be present. [7]

(b) Explain what Christians believe about the work of the Holy Spirit. [7]

(c) 'Prayers are always answered.'
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** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

4 **(a)** Describe the first revelation of the Qur'an to Muhammad (pbuh). [7]

(b) Explain why God provided for **and** protected Muhammad (pbuh) during his early life in Makkah. [7]

(c) 'The people of Makkah did not understand the message of Muhammad (pbuh).'
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)** Describe the customs followed by Muslims after the birth of a baby. [7]

(b) Explain the benefits to Muslims of using the Qur'an as a guide for life. [7]

(c) 'The daily life of Muslims is all about following their 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]

[Total: 20]

6 **(a)** Describe the traditional Muslim teachings about the care of children **and** the elderly. [7]

(b) Explain the challenges faced by Muslims today in trying to follow these teachings. [7]

(c) 'Living in the modern world is all about accepting change.'
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** of the parts in **two** of the questions.

7 **(a)** Describe **two** of the sections of the Tenakh. [7]

(b) Explain why obeying the mitzvot is central to Jewish life. [7]

(c) 'Judaism is more than just a set of laws that have to be obeyed.'
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 a Brit Milah (circumcision) ceremony. [7]

(b) Explain why Brit Milah is an important event for the whole Jewish community. [7]

(c) 'A caring family life is the main strength of Judaism.'
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 the traditional teachings on the roles **and** responsibilities of men in Judaism. [7]

(b) Explain why some Jews have accepted changes to the traditional roles of women in Judaism. [7]

(c) 'Wearing traditional clothing for prayer makes it more special.'
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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