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RELIGIOUS STUDIES **0490/22**

Paper 2 **October/November 2023**

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 celebrate Christmas in church. [7]

(b) Explain why Christmas is important for most Christians. [7]

(c) 'All Christian festivals have lost their religious meaning.'
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)** What happened at Lourdes which made it a place of Christian pilgrimage? [7]

(b) Explain why Christians might go on pilgrimage. [7]

(c) 'Pilgrimage is the only way in which Christians can show their faith.'
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 some of the work of Christian missionaries. [7]

(b) Explain why Christians believe they should care for others. [7]

(c) 'It is very difficult to love others as much as you love yourself.'
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)** Give an account of the historical significance of Madinah to Islam. [7]

(b) Explain why Id al-Adha (feast of sacrifice) is important for Muslims. [7]

(c) 'Islam needs the family in order to survive.'
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 benefits to Muslims of belonging to the ummah. [7]

(b) Explain why Muslims believe they should care for others. [7]

(c) 'Religious rules cannot be changed just because society has 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]

[Total: 20]

6 **(a)** Describe traditional Muslim teachings on men **and** women. [7]

(b) Explain why Muslims marry. [7]

(c) 'Not all successful marriages are based on love.'
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 what happens during Rosh Hashanah (New Year) celebrations. [7]

(b) Explain why the celebration of festivals is an important part of being Jewish. [7]

(c) 'Jewish festivals have lost their true meaning.'
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)** Give an account of the ceremony which welcomes a baby boy into Judaism. [7]

(b) Explain why ceremonies marking the passage into adulthood are important in Judaism. [7]

(c) 'Birth rites are of no benefit to the child.'
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)** Give an account of the traditional role of men in Judaism. [7]

(b) Explain how the teachings of tzedaka (righteous giving) and gemilut hasadim (kind actions) influence how Jews live their lives. [7]

(c) 'Love for others is the most important part 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]

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