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RELIGIOUS STUDIES **0490/23**

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 Christian customs that take place on Holy (Maundy) Thursday. [7]

(b) Explain why Sunday is a special day for Christians. [7]

(c) 'Celebrating the Eucharist is essential to all church services.'
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 the differences between infant baptism and believers' baptism. [7]

(b) Explain why marriage is important to Christians. [7]

(c) 'Religious rituals are no longer relevant.'
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)** Give an account of the changing role of women in Christianity. [7]

(b) Explain how going on pilgrimage encourages the feeling that everyone is equal. [7]

(c) 'Pilgrimage to Bethlehem is the most important pilgrimage a Christian can make.'
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 how **one** Muslim aid organisation helps to improve the lives of those in need. [7]

(b) Explain how the poor are remembered during celebrations in Islam. [7]

(c) 'It **is** possible to help everyone in need.'
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 rituals that happen after the death of a Muslim. [7]

(b) Explain why Muslims see this life as a preparation for the life to come. [7]

(c) 'It is important to follow set rituals when a person dies.'
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 giving **and** the use of zakah. [7]

(b) Explain why family life is important in Islam. [7]

(c) 'Intention is more important than actions in Islam.'
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 the traditional role of women in Judaism. [7]

(b) Explain how traditional Jewish teachings strengthen Jewish family life. [7]

(c) 'A religious family life is helpful to young people.'
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 foods and other items present during the meal at Pesach (Passover) **and** why they are there. [7]

(b) Explain why Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) is important for Jews. [7]

(c) 'Time spent celebrating festivals would be better spent helping the poor.'
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 how the laws of kashrut (kosher) and treyfah (forbidden) apply to food **and** its preparation. [7]

(b) Explain why a Jew might wish to visit Jerusalem. [7]

(c) 'Updating traditional teachings would help Judaism deal with new challenges.'
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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