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GCSE (9–1) Religious Studies (Short Course)

J125/01 Religion, philosophy and ethics in the modern world

Time allowed: 2 hours

You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answers to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **two** questions in Section A, **one** in Section B and **one** in Section C.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **126**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) and the use of specialist terminology will be assessed in questions marked with a pencil (✎).
- This document has **8** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Section A

Choose **two** religions from this **section**.

Answer **all** parts of the question for the **two** religions you choose.

1

- (a) Outline what Christians believe heaven is like. [3]
- (b) Describe what Christians mean when they say God is monotheistic. [3]
- (c) Outline the meaning of the term 'Messiah' for Christians. [3]
- (d) Describe different Christian beliefs about the causes of evil. [6]
- (e) 'The teachings of Jesus are no longer relevant for Christians to follow in the modern world.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Christianity.
- Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.



Spelling, punctuation and grammar

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2

- (a) Outline **one** reason why Ibrahim is an important prophet for Muslims. [3]
- (b) Describe belief about divine justice (Al-Adl) in Shi'a Islam. [3]
- (c) Outline what Muslims mean when they describe Allah as immanent. [3]
- (d) Describe the importance of belief in predestination (Al-Qad'r) for Muslims. [6]
- (e) 'Akhirah is the most important belief for Muslims.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Islam.
- Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.



Spelling, punctuation and grammar

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- 3**
- (a) What is meant by the term 'Pikuach Nefesh'? [3]
- (b) Outline **one** Jewish belief about the covenant with Abraham. [3]
- (c) Give **three** things that Jews believe about Gan Eden. [3]
- (d) Describe what Jews believe about G-d intervening in the world. [6]
- (e) 'Abraham has the most important role in Judaism.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within Judaism.
- Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.



Spelling, punctuation and grammar

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This is the end of Section A

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Choose **one** of the religions that you answered in **Section A**.

Answer **all** parts of the question for your chosen religion.

4

(a) Outline **one** reason why Christians might be opposed to cohabitation. [3]

(b) Describe different Christian attitudes to remarriage. [6]

(c) Explain how Christian teaching influences attitudes to celibacy.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer.

[6]

(d)* 'Men and women should have equal roles in Christian communities.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Christianity.
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Christianity.

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5

(a) Outline **one** reason why Muslims might be opposed to cohabitation. [3]

(b) Describe different Muslim attitudes to remarriage. [6]

(c) Explain why Muslims have different attitudes to celibacy.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer.

[6]

(d)* 'Men and women should have equal roles in Muslim communities.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Islam.
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Islam.

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6

(a) Outline **one** reason why Jews might be opposed to cohabitation. [3]

(b) Describe different Jewish attitudes to remarriage. [6]

(c) Explain why Jews have different attitudes to celibacy.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer.

[6]

(d)* 'Men and women should have equal roles in Jewish communities.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Judaism.
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism.

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This is the end of Section B

Turn over for Section C

Section C

Use the **same** religion you chose in **Section B**.

Answer **all** parts of the question for your chosen religion.

7

(a) What is meant by the term 'agnosticism'? [3]

(b) Describe attitudes that some Christians might have towards Church Schools.

In your response you must consider that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian.

[6]

(c) Explain why there are potential clashes between Christian teaching and secular laws about equality.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer.

[6]

(d)* 'Christians should always oppose euthanasia.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Christianity.
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Christianity.

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8

(a) What is meant by the term 'agnosticism'? [3]

(b) Describe attitudes that some Muslims might have towards Church Schools.

In your response you must consider that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian.

[6]

(c) Explain why there are potential clashes between Muslim teaching and secular laws about equality.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer.

[6]

(d)* 'Muslims should always oppose euthanasia.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Islam.
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Islam.

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9

(a) What is meant by the term 'agnosticism'? [3]

(b) Describe attitudes that some Jews might have towards Church Schools.

In your response you must consider that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse, but mainly Christian.

[6]

(c) Explain why there are potential clashes between Jewish teaching and secular laws about equality.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer.

[6]

(d)* 'Jews should always oppose euthanasia.'

Discuss this statement. In your answer, you should:

- Draw on your learning from across your course of study, including reference to beliefs, teachings and practices within Judaism.
- Explain and evaluate the importance of points of view from the perspective of Judaism.

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