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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 Christianity

- (a) State **three** Christian beliefs about judgement. [3]
- (b) Describe what Christians mean when they say Jesus is the Son of God. [3]
- (c) Describe the role of Christ in salvation. [3]
- (d) Describe different Christian beliefs about purgatory. [6]
- (e) 'The Holy Spirit is the most important part of the Trinity.'

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.

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 Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]

2 Islam

- (a) Describe the significance of holy books for Sunni Muslims. [3]
- (b) Outline the meaning of Tawhid. [3]
- (c) State **three** Islamic beliefs about Adam. [3]
- (d) Describe why Isa is important to Muslims. [6]
- (e) 'Predestination (al-Qad'r) means that humans cannot be judged for their actions.'

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.

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 Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]

3 Judaism

- (a) Give **three** examples of ways that G-d intervenes in the world. [3]
- (b) Describe what is meant by the term **Mitzvot**. [3]
- (c) Outline the concept of resurrection in Judaism. [3]
- (d) Describe the significance of the obligation to save life (Pikuach Nefesh) in Judaism. [6]
- (e) 'The Messiah is the most important concept 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.

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 Spelling, punctuation and grammar [3]

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 Christianity

(a) Describe **one** purpose of marriage for Christians. [3]

(b) Describe different Christian teachings about gender equality. [6]

(c) Explain why Christians might have different views about divorce.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d)* 'Raising children as Christians is the most important purpose of a Christian family.'

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 Islam

(a) Describe **one** purpose of marriage for Muslims. [3]

(b) Describe different Muslim teachings about gender equality. [6]

(c) Explain why Muslims might have different views about divorce.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d)* 'Raising children as Muslims is the most important purpose of a Muslim family.'

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 Judaism

(a) Describe **one** purpose of marriage for Jews. [3]

(b) Describe different Jewish teachings about gender equality. [6]

(c) Explain why Jews might have different views about divorce.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d)* 'Raising children as Jews is the most important purpose of a Jewish family.'

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 Christianity

(a) Describe what is meant by the term **secularism**. [3]

(b) Describe the different attitudes Christians might have towards pluralism.

In your response you must consider that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse but mainly Christian. [6]

(c) Compare secular and Christian attitudes to self-determination.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d) 'The rise of humanism is the greatest challenge for Christians today.'

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 Islam

(a) Describe what is meant by the term **secularism**. [3]

(b) Describe the different attitudes Muslims might have towards pluralism.

In your response you must consider that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse but mainly Christian. [6]

(c) Compare secular and Muslim attitudes to self-determination.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d) 'The rise of humanism is the greatest challenge for Muslims today.'

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 Judaism

(a) Describe what is meant by the term **secularism**. [3]

(b) Describe the different attitudes Jews might have towards pluralism.

In your response you must consider that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse but mainly Christian. [6]

(c) Compare secular and Jewish attitudes to self-determination.

You should refer to sources of wisdom and authority in your answer. [6]

(d) 'The rise of humanism is the greatest challenge for Jews today.'

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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