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NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2009

MONDAY, 1 JUNE
1.00 PM – 2.45 PM

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
STANDARD GRADE
Credit Level

Instructions to the Candidate

Answer Section A (Christianity)

and

Section E (Issues of Belief and Morality)

and

One other Section (B **or** C **or** D)

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SECTION A—CHRISTIANITY

1. (*a*) Describe fully **two** of Jesus' miracles. **6**

(*b*) How far do you think it is possible for Christians to believe in miracles in the 21st Century? **6**

2. (*a*) Describe what happens at a **Christian** funeral service. **6**

(*b*) "Christian funerals are sad occasions, but it should also be a time of celebration."

To what extent do you agree with this statement? **6**

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SECTION B—HINDUISM

3. (*a*) Describe Hindu beliefs about the nature of God. **6**

(*b*) In 2007 the Indian government were asked to apologise for saying the Ramayana was just a story.

To what extent do you agree that Hindu stories about God are too far fetched to have any real meaning today? **6**

4. (*a*) Explain what happens **during** puja in a temple. **6**

(*b*) Puja takes place on a daily basis.

Do you think daily worship is helpful for Hindus living in Scotland today? **6**

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	SECTION C—ISLAM			
5.	(*a*) Muslims believe that God is Immanent and the Judge. Explain these **two** terms.	**6**		
	(*b*) "A God that judges is frightening." To what extent do you agree with this statement?	**6**		
6.	(*a*) Why is the Shahadah seen as the most important Pillar in Islam?	**6**		
	(*b*) "Religion should be about what you do rather than what you say." To what extent would a Muslim agree with this statement?	**6**		

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SECTION D—JUDAISM

7. (*a*) Describe what happens in the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. **6**

(*b*) "A God that judges is frightening."

To what extent do you agree with this statement? **6**

8. (*a*) Explain fully what Jewish people mean by Torah. **6**

(*b*) How far is it necessary for Jewish people to do exactly what is commanded in the Torah? **6**

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SECTION E—ISSUES OF BELIEF AND MORALITY

9. (*a*) "Religious experiences prove God is real!"

Explain why some people **reject** this statement. **6**

(*b*) How far do you agree that the existence of good people proves the existence of God? **6**

10. (*a*) Explain how religion helps its followers to make moral decisions. **6**

(*b*) "There is no such thing as right and wrong. Everything depends on the situation."

To what extent do you agree with this statement? **6**

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