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RELIGIOUS, MORAL
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STUDIES
INTERMEDIATE 2

There are four Sections in this paper.

Section 1 – World Religions: This section is **mandatory**.

This section has one question for each World Religion. You should answer all parts of the question on the World Religion you have studied.

Answer **either** Buddhism **or** Christianity **or** Hinduism **or** Islam **or** Judaism **or** Sikhism.

Section 2 – Morality in the Modern World: This section is **mandatory**.

This section has one question for each of the optional issues. You should answer all parts of the question relating to the issue you have studied.

Answer **either** Crime and Punishment **or** Gender **or** Global Issues **or** Medical Ethics **or** War and Peace.

Section 3 – Existence of God

This section has one **optional** question. You should answer all parts of the question in this section if you have studied the **Existence of God** Unit.

Section 4 – Christianity: Belief and Science

This section has one **optional** question. You should answer all parts of the question in this section if you have studied the **Christianity: Belief and Science** Unit.

The skills of knowledge and understanding (KU) and analysis and evaluation (AE) are being assessed in this paper. When answering each question you should note the number of marks allocated to each skill as indicated after each part of the question.



SECTION ONE

WORLD RELIGIONS

1. BUDDHISM

Reminder: You should answer this question if you have studied **Buddhism** in the World Religions Unit.

And he who is free from credulous beliefs since he has seen the eternal NIRVANA, who has thrown off the bondage of lower life and, far beyond temptations, has surrendered all desires, he is indeed greatest among men.

Dhammapada, 97

- (a) What is tanha? 2 KU
- (b) Describe how tanha affects people. 4 KU
- (c) “*Samsara is caused by tanha.*”
How accurate is this statement? Give reasons for your answer. 6 AE
- (d) Describe **three** of the Five Precepts. 6 KU
- (e) What is the purpose of the Five Precepts? 4 KU
- (f) “*Action is more important than belief.*”
Would all Buddhists agree? Give reasons for your answer. 8 AE

Total (30)

2. CHRISTIANITY

Reminder: You should answer this question if you have studied **Christianity** in the *World Religions Unit*.

“When the Son of Man comes as King and all his angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne.”

Matthew 25 v 31 GNB

- (a) State **two** things that the Bible teaches will happen on the Day of Judgement. **2 KU**
- (b) Describe **two** ways in which Christians understand heaven. **4 KU**
- (c) “*Belief in Hell is a necessary part of Christian belief.*”
How accurate is this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **6 AE**
- (d) In what ways can meditation help Christians develop their relationship with God? **4 KU**
- (e) Describe **three** types of individual Christian service. **6 KU**
- (f) “*Serving others in this life is the best way to achieve salvation.*”
Would all Christians agree? Give reasons for your answer. **8 AE**

Total (30)

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3. HINDUISM

Reminder: You should answer this question if you have studied **Hinduism** in the World Religions Unit.

“When a man surrenders all desires that come to the heart and, by the grace of God, finds the joy of God, then his soul has indeed found peace.”

Bhagavad Gita 2:55

- (a) What is the importance of “the atman” in Hinduism? **2 KU**
- (b) What do Hindus mean by karma? **4 KU**
- (c) “*Belief in karma causes no difficulties for Hindus.*”
How accurate is this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **6 AE**
- (d) What do Hindus believe about Dharma? **4 KU**
- (e) Describe Hindu teaching about Moksha. **6 KU**
- (f) “*It is necessary for Hindus to enter the final two ashramas in order to achieve Moksha.*”
Would all Hindus agree? Give reasons for your answer. **8 AE**

Total (30)

4. ISLAM

Reminder: You should answer this question if you have studied **Islam** in the World Religions Unit.

O ye who believe! When ye prepare for prayer, wash your faces, and your hands (and arms) to the elbows: Rub your heads (with water): and wash your feet to the ankles.

The Qur'an. Surah 5: 6,7

- (a) The passage above describes **wudu**. State **two** other ways that a Muslim can prepare for prayer. **2 KU**
- (b) Describe **two** reasons why a Muslim washes before prayer. **4 KU**
- (c) *“Prayer is essential if a Muslim is to submit to Allah.”*
How accurate is this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **6 AE**
- (d) What do Muslims believe about Paradise? **4 KU**
- (e) Describe the duties of a Khalipha. **6 KU**
- (f) *“There are benefits and difficulties in submitting to Allah.”*
Would all Muslims agree? Give reasons for your answer. **8 AE**

Total (30)

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5. JUDAISM

Reminder: You should answer this question if you have studied **Judaism** in the World Religions Unit.

“Lord God, we bless you and praise you . . . You alone are creator . . .”

Prayer on Rosh Hashanah

- (a) Describe Jewish teaching about God’s role as creator. **2 KU**
- (b) What is meant by humans being made “in the image of God”? **4 KU**
- (c) “*The Torah teaches that suffering is a result of disobedience to God.*”
How accurate is this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **6 AE**
- (d) Describe **two** occasions in which God is said to have interacted with the Jewish people in history. **4 KU**
- (e) Describe **two** key symbols Jewish people use in prayer. **6 KU**
- (f) “*It is better to improve this life than hope for a Messianic age in the future.*”
Would all Jewish people agree? Give reasons for your answer. **8 AE**

Total (30)

6. SIKHISM

Reminder: You should answer this question if you have studied **Sikhism** in the World Religions Unit.

As is the fire within the womb, so is Maya outside. . . . This is Maya, by which the Lord is forgotten.

GGS Anand 28

- (a) What do Sikhs mean by kirt karna? **2 KU**
- (b) What do Sikhs believe about the importance of God's grace? **4 KU**
- (c) "*The soul is the only thing that matters to a Sikh.*"
How accurate is this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **6 AE**
- (d) What do Sikhs believe about freewill? **4 KU**
- (e) Describe what happens when a Sikh does not live in harmony with God's will. **6 KU**
- (f) "*Jivan Mukhti is the supreme goal for a Sikh.*"
Would all Sikhs agree? Give reasons for your answer. **8 AE**

Total (30)

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SECTION TWO

MORALITY IN THE MODERN WORLD

In this section there is one question for each of the optional areas of study.

Candidates must only answer the question for their chosen area of study.

1. CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Reminder: You should answer these questions if you have studied *Crime and Punishment* in the *Morality in the Modern World Unit*.

“I do not now believe that any one of the hundreds of executions I carried out has in any way acted as a deterrent against future murder.”

Albert Pierrepoint

- (a) State **two** methods of execution carried out in the UK before abolition of the death penalty. **2 KU**
- (b) Describe **two** reasons why the death penalty was abolished in the UK. **4 KU**
- (c) “*Capital Punishment achieves nothing but revenge.*”
Would a religious viewpoint agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **6 AE**
- (d) Describe **two** advantages of community service as an effective form of punishment. **4 KU**
- (e) Describe ways a prison sentence might lead to the reformation of a criminal. **6 KU**
- (f) “*Capital Punishment is the sign of an uncivilised society.*”
Would a secular viewpoint agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **8 AE**

Total (30)

2. GENDER

Reminder: You should answer these questions if you have studied **Gender** in the *Morality in the Modern World Unit*.



- (a) Describe **one** historic male role in the family. 2 KU
- (b) In what ways has the role of women in the workplace changed in the UK? 4 KU
- (c) “*Religious teaching encourages stereotyping of gender roles.*”
 Would a religious viewpoint agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. 6 AE
- (d) Describe how education has been used to control women in the Developing World. 4 KU
- (e) In what ways has the UN been involved in Gender Issues? 6 KU
- (f) “*UN declarations on gender rights don’t help women in the developing world.*”
 Would a secular viewpoint agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. 8 AE

Total (30)

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3. GLOBAL ISSUES

Reminder: You should answer these questions if you have studied **Global Issues** in the *Morality in the Modern World Unit*.

“Global ethics deals with the moral questions that arise from globalization. Some of the most pressing of these are . . . How might international trading arrangements be made fairer? How might military intervention be better regulated?”

Centre for the Development of Global Ethics Birmingham University

- (a) In what way does war cause poverty in a developing country? **2 KU**
- (b) Describe what the World Trade Organisation does to help developing countries. **4 KU**
- (c) *“There are benefits and difficulties of giving aid to developing countries.”*
Would a religious viewpoint agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **6 AE**
- (d) In what ways does global warming affect developing countries? **4 KU**
- (e) Describe ways in which experts say global warming can be tackled. **6 KU**
- (f) *“Global warming is not really our concern. It’s the next generation that really needs to worry about it.”*
Would a secular viewpoint agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **8 AE**

Total (30)

4. MEDICAL ETHICS

Reminder: You should answer these questions if you have studied **Medical Ethics** in the *Morality in the Modern World Unit*.

“It can be argued that in countries where euthanasia has been legalised, the provision and quality of palliative care has diminished.”

- (a) What is meant by palliative care? 2 KU
- (b) Describe **two** advantages of palliative care. 4 KU
- (c) “*Palliative care is of more benefit to patients than euthanasia.*”
 Would a religious viewpoint agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. 6 AE
- (d) Describe **two** views about when life begins. 4 KU
- (e) In what ways are embryos used in research? 6 KU
- (f) “*Human embryos are too valuable to use in scientific research.*”
 Would a secular viewpoint agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. 8 AE

Total (30)

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5. WAR AND PEACE

Reminder: You should answer these questions if you have studied *War and Peace* in the *Morality in the Modern World Unit*.

“So long as you were dealing with conventional weapons, you could convince yourself that if you got into a war, you had a chance to win, and that if you lost, it wasn’t the end of world. With nuclear weapons, win or lose, it would be the end of the world”.

Steven David

- (a) State **two** types of conventional weapons. **2 KU**
- (b) Describe **two** arguments used against the possession of nuclear weapons. **4 KU**
- (c) *“Using conventional weapons is just as evil as using nuclear weapons.”*
 Would a religious viewpoint agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **6 AE**
- (d) What is meant by pacifism? **4 KU**
- (e) Describe **three** things the Geneva Conventions deal with concerning warfare. **6 KU**
- (f) *“Pacifism is unacceptable when your country is at war.”*
 Would a secular viewpoint agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **8 AE**

Total (30)

SECTION THREE

EXISTENCE OF GOD

This is an optional Unit. Answer all parts of this question if you have studied the Existence of God Unit.

“Today the theory of evolution is about as much open to doubt as the theory that the earth goes round the sun.”

Richard Dawkins

- (a) Describe the theory of Evolution. **4 KU**
- (b) What is the Design Argument for the existence of God? **4 KU**
- (c) *“The Design Argument has more strengths than weaknesses.”*
Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. **6 AE**
- (d) Describe why a religious person can still believe in God although there is suffering in the world. **4 KU**
- (e) In what ways can people cause suffering? **4 KU**
- (f) *“Moral evil is a human weakness, it has nothing to do with God.”*
How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **8 AE**

Total (30)

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SECTION FOUR

CHRISTIANITY: BELIEF AND SCIENCE

This is an optional Unit. Answer all parts of this question if you have studied the Belief and Science Unit.

Scientific method has been developed over hundreds of years and is accepted as the most reliable approach to providing information about our world.

- (a) What is meant by scientific method? **4 KU**
- (b) “*Scientific method has too many limitations to be reliable.*”
Would all Christians agree? Give reasons for your answer. **6 AE**
- (c) In what ways does evolution explain the origin of human life? **4 KU**
- (d) Describe **two** pieces of evidence which support evolution. **4 KU**
- (e) In what way does Genesis 2 describe the creation of human life? **4 KU**
- (f) “*The theory of evolution is compatible with Genesis 2.*”
How accurate is this statement? Give reasons for your answer. **8 AE**

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