RELIGIOUS STUDIES Route A – Component 1
Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World
MONDAY, 14 MAY 2018 – AFTERNOON
2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen. Do not use correction fluid.
Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.
Answer all questions.
Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.
Your ability to spell, punctuate and use accurate grammar is assessed in question 1(d).
You are expected to use specialist terminology accurately and make reference to sources of religious wisdom and authority (including religious texts) where relevant.
1. **Issues of Relationships**

   (a) What is meant by ‘responsibilities’? [2]

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   (b) Describe the importance of marriage ceremonies for religious believers. [5]

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(c) Explain, from two religions or two religious traditions, beliefs about divorce. [8]
(d) ‘Women and men should have equal roles in worship.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15]

*Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar are allocated to this question.* [6]
2. **Issues of Life and Death**

   **(a)** What is meant by ‘evolution’? [2]

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   **(b)** Describe reasons why religious believers consider it important to care for the planet. [5]

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(c) Explain, from two religions or two religious traditions, beliefs about euthanasia. [8]
(d) ‘Religious creation stories successfully explain the origins of the universe.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religious and non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists and Atheists, in your answer.) [15]
3. **Issues of Good and Evil**

   (a) **What is meant by ‘morality’?** [2]

   (b) **Describe the work of prison chaplains.** [5]
(c) Explain, from two religions or two religious traditions, beliefs about the death penalty. [8]
(d) ‘It is impossible to forgive.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)
4. **Issues of Human Rights**

   (a) What is meant by ‘relative poverty’? [2]

   (b) Describe why some religious believers agree with censorship. [5]
(c) Explain, from two religions or two religious traditions, how personal conviction may conflict with the laws of a country.
(d) ‘It is up to you what you do with your money.’

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.)
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