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RELIGION STUDIES P2

MARKS: 150

TIME: 2 hours



This question paper consists of 5 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. Read the following instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. This question paper consists of FIVE questions.
3. Answer any THREE of the five questions.
4. Read ALL the questions carefully before answering it.
5. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
6. Write legibly and present your work neatly.

QUESTION 1

Myths, beliefs, doctrine, dogma and ideology are all aspects of religious teachings that mean slightly different things. They all refer to the intellectual rational or philosophical part of religion and to the coding and conveying of religious meaning and truths.

- 1.1 In the light of the above extract, briefly discuss the following concepts as they apply in religious teachings. Give examples of each from your study of a religion by using the following subtitles:

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| 1.1.1 | Myths | (10) |
| 1.1.2 | Doctrine | (10) |
| 1.1.3 | Dogma | (10) |
| 1.1.4 | Belief | (10) |
| 1.1.5 | Ethical teaching | (10) |
| | | [50] |

QUESTION 2

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| 2.1 | Explain how ideas about sin and evil in Christianity, compare with Taoist ideas. | (20) |
| 2.2 | Explain the difference between the way Theravada and Mahayana schools in Buddhism understands the notion of the self and enlightenment. | (10) |
| 2.3 | Describe the system of governance in Tibetan Buddhism and explain the Dalai Lama's relationship to it. | (10) |
| 2.4 | Name the belief that lies at the heart of Christianity, and TWO implications that flow from this belief. | (10) |
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QUESTION 3

- 3.1 Explain why Galileo's criticism of the accepted geocentric theory of the universe was such a challenge to traditional religious ideas of the time. (10)
- 3.2 How do religions respond to the Big Bang theory? Refer to different perspectives in any ONE religion. (20)
- 3.3 Briefly discuss the relationship between religion and science. (10)
- 3.4 There is an awareness that humans are not a unique life form, unrelated to other organisms on the planet. Briefly describe how this awareness would affect a believer's notion about the human's place in creation. (10)
- [50]**

QUESTION 4

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

"It is rather clear from the way that the stories develop in the gospels that the Christians who are writing the gospels of a generation after the death of Jesus are doing so from a stock of oral memory, that is, stories that had been passed down to them probably by followers."

[Professor L. Michael White, University of Texas]

- 4.1 Explain the difference between *normative* and *descriptive sources* in religion. (10)
- 4.2 Describe the normative sources in any TWO religions you have studied. (20)
- 4.3 Analyse any TWO of the following secular world views:
- Atheism
 - Materialism
 - Agnosticism
- (20)
- [50]**

QUESTION 5

5.1 Explain the views of the following religions about abortion:

5.1.1 Islam (20)

5.1.2 Christianity (20)

5.2 Name any FIVE causes of abortion. (10)

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TOTAL: 150