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**RELIGION STUDIES P2**

**MARKS: 150**

**TIME: 2 hours**

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This question paper consists of 7 pages.

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**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. Start each question on a NEW page.
5. Read ALL the questions carefully before answering them.
6. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
7. The length of your answers must correspond with the marks allocated for each question.
8. Write legibly and present your work neatly.

**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 In the context of any ONE religion, answer the following questions with reference to the central teachings:
- 1.1.1 Discuss the nature of the world (10)
- 1.1.2 Discuss the place and responsibility of humanity in the world (10)
- 1.1.3 Discuss the nature of life after death (10)
- 1.2 Elaborate and explain the internal differences within the following religions, regarding the main features of such differentiations:
- Christianity
  - Islam
- (10 x 2) (20)  
**[50]**

**QUESTION 2**

2.1 Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Religions are supposed to represent our highest ideals and hopes. Sometimes they inspire us to reach great heights of creativity and social sacrifice. At other times religion is part of the problem; sometimes it is part of the solution.

[Source: *Shuters Top Class Religion Studies*, page 60]

2.1.1 Choose ANY area of conflict in Africa and state who was involved in the conflict. (4)

2.1.2 Explain the causes of the conflict. (12)

2.1.3 What is the current situation? (10)

2.1.4 Discuss the role of religion in the conflict. (12)

2.2 Discuss the teachings of any ONE secular view you have studied. (12)  
**[50]**

**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 Discuss the following normative sources in any ONE religion:
- 3.1.1 The hermeneutical principle of interpreting normative sources (8)
  - 3.1.2 Divine inspiration (6)
  - 3.1.3 Oral tradition (6)
- 3.2 With reference to any ONE religion, explain the main features of these groups with reference to the following:
- 3.2.1 State differences in teachings (10)
  - 3.2.2 State differences in governance (10)
  - 3.2.3 State differences in practice (10)
- [50]**

**QUESTION 4**

4.1 Give a brief explanation of the *Big Bang theory*. (14)

4.2 Discuss how the creation of the universe is explained by the Abrahamic religions. (12)

When considering the relationship between religion and natural sciences, it is important to remember that science is something human beings have done in all cultures for centuries and so is religion.

[Source: *Top Class Religion Studies*, page 149]

4.3 Explain the views of Hinduism on the theory of evolution. (14)

4.4 Discuss Darwin's theory of evolution. (10)  
**[50]**

**QUESTION 5**

5.1 Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

In his short life, Nkosi Johnson (1989–2001) was an Aids activist who helped to change many people's perceptions about Aids.

[Source: *Shuters Top Class Grade 12*, page 72]

- 5.1.1 State the causes of HIV/Aids. (14)
- 5.1.2 Name the factors contributing to the spread of HIV/Aids. (12)
- 5.1.3 Illustrate solutions to fight the spread of HIV/Aids. (10)
- 5.1.4 What practical steps or strategies must be followed to address HIV/Aids? (14)

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**TOTAL: 150**