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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

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Paper 2

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

**1 hour 45 minutes**

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.  
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.  
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.  
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer any **three** questions.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer **all** parts of any **three** of the questions.

- 1 *'Going through a religious ceremony when you are born makes no difference to the rest of your life.'*
- (a) Describe the birth ceremonies of **two** of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. [10]
- (b) Explain the importance which followers of these two religions attach to their birth ceremonies. [15]
- 2 *'Funerals are for the people who are still alive, not for those who are dead.'*
- (a) What are the main funeral practices in **two** of Christianity, Islam and Judaism? [10]
- (b) Explain what these two religions teach about the after-life. [15]
- 3 *'Festivals are really an excuse for a party, not a religious event.'*
- (a) Describe the celebration of a festival in **two** of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. [10]
- (b) Explain why festivals are a very important part of religious life for many people in these two religions. [15]
- 4 *'People need to be together to worship, you cannot do it on your own.'*
- (a) Describe private and public worship in **two** of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. [10]
- (b) For both of these religions, explain why public worship is important. [15]
- 5 *'Religions must change with the times.'*
- (a) Describe a situation in **one** of Christianity, Islam or Judaism where some people have wanted to bring the religion up-to-date. [10]
- (b) Explain the reasons which people might give to support this argument or disagree with it. [15]

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