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Paper 1

For Examination from 2011

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 45 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

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 the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Choose **two** of Sections A, B and C and answer **all** the questions in each of your chosen sections.

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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Choose **two** of Sections A, B and C and answer **all** the questions in each of your chosen sections.

Section A – Christianity

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 1 (a) (i) What event in the life of Jesus do Christians remember during Lent? [2]
(ii) How do Christians observe Lent? [5]
- (b) Explain why Holy Week is an important time for Christians. [7]
- (c) 'Lent is still a very important time for Christians.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion **and** show that you have thought about other points of view. [6]
- 2 'I believe in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.'
- (a) Describe the main beliefs stated in the Apostles' Creed. [7]
- (b) Explain why the Apostles' Creed is important to Christians. [7]
- (c) 'How you live is more important than what you believe.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer. [6]

Section B – Islam

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 3 (a) (i)** What is the ummah? [2]
- (ii)** What is Zakah and how is it used? [5]
- (b)** Explain why Zakah is an important part of Muslim belief. [7]
- (c)** ‘The ummah is the most important feature of Islam.’
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion **and** show that you have thought about other points of view. [6]
- 4** According to the Qur’an, those who believe and live by their beliefs should have no fear of death nor should they grieve excessively for a loved one who dies. Death is a sad event but it is inevitable and believers should accept this.
- (a)** Describe what happens at a Muslim funeral. [7]
- (b)** Explain the Muslim belief in Akirah (life after death). [7]
- (c)** ‘Rich and poor are alike in death.’
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion **and** show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Islam in your answer. [6]

Section C – Judaism

If you have chosen this section, answer **all** the questions.

- 5 (a) Describe what happens at a Brit Milah ceremony. [7]
- (b) Explain why Jews believe they have a special relationship with God. [7]
- (c) 'Jewish dedication to keeping their laws is a good example to others.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion **and** show that you have thought about other points of view. [6]

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A sukkah

- (a) Describe how Jews celebrate the festival of Sukkot. [7]
- (b) Explain why Sukkot is an important festivals for Jews. [7]
- (c) 'Festivals are necessary in order to make worship enjoyable.'
Discuss this statement. Give your own opinion **and** show that you have thought about other points of view. You must refer to Judaism in your answer. [6]

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