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2018 Academic Scholarship

Religious Studies

Time Allowed: **1 hour and 30 minutes**

- Answer Section 1 and **two** questions from Section 2

Section 1: Comprehension 20 marks

Read the following article and answer the questions that follow.

There are few topics that I've ever encountered that cause as much controversy and polarizing opinions as the environment. People argue about global warming, the unequal treatment and rights of all species, and even whether the whole environment debate itself is overblown. Sound familiar?

Yet, for many of us as Christians, I've found that either we don't have a position, or we just hope that all of the controversy just goes away. It's no wonder that Christians as a whole have been the slowest to become environmentally responsible.

Perhaps you can relate. I know I can. I confess that I haven't always been the most sensitive when it came to living a "green" lifestyle, and I've often just glossed over the issue. In fact, it was only a short time ago that I began to really study the Bible in depth when it came to this polarizing issue. It was then that I began realize that, first and foremost, we need to look at what God has to say about how we should think, act and respond in regard to the environment.

What I discovered is that we as Christians ought to be environmentally conscious, and actively promote environmental activities.

Extract from C. Ingram's blog. Ingram is a Christian Minister'

a) Give an account of any passage from the Bible that refers to how humans should treat creation. 6 marks

b) Re-read the author's final sentence. Explain two Christian teachings that he could use to support the claim that Christians should be environmentally conscious. 7 marks

c) "Religious people should be more focused on how to get to heaven rather than how to save the planet". Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. 7 marks

Section 2: Essay writing – 10 marks each

Answer 2 questions from the following choice of 4:

1. Sacred Texts

"Religious texts were written a long time ago so they have no use or value in life today".
Do you agree? (10)

2. Religion in the modern world

Consider the view that religion is mainly a force for good in the world. (10)

3. Religion and Morality

Consider the view that in personal issues such as marriage and divorce, religions should mind their own business and let people get on with their lives. (10)

4. Religious People

With reference to any religious person who has lived in the past 500 years, explain how their religious beliefs affected the society in which they lived. (10)

Section 1: 20 marks
Section 2: 20 marks (10 marks for each of the two essay questions)
Total: 40 marks