ST EDWARD'S
OXFORD

13+ SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

For entry in
September 2017

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Time: 1 hour

Candidates Name: ……

- Answer three questions:
  - Two from Part A
  - One from Part B
- You are advised to spend:
  - 30 minutes on Part A
  - 30 minutes on Part B.

Your presentation and use of language are both important.

Part A

- Answer **two** questions from Part A (a question is comprised of parts (a) and (b)).
- Spend 30 minutes on Part A.

Section 1 (Old Testament)

Question 1

a. Describe the Creation in Genesis, and explain its significance for Christians. [8]

b. 'The Earth is ours to do with as we choose.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 2

a. Describe the key events in the life of Job, and explain Job's importance in Christianity. [8]

b. 'The Old Testament has no value for Christians.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Section 2 (New Testament)

Question 3

a. Describe the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, and explain their significance for Christians. [8]

b. 'Death is not the end.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 4

a. Describe one of Jesus' miracles (but not his own resurrection) and explain what it shows about Jesus. [8]

b. 'Miracles happen in the world today.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Section 3 (Living Faiths)

Question 5

a. Explain what Hindus or Buddhists believe about life and death. [8]

b. 'Our actions have consequences.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 6

a. Outline the principles of Islamic worship. [8]

b. 'Being faithful to God is the most important aspect of a Muslim's life.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Part B

- Answer one question from Part B.
- Your answer should be an extended essay.
- You should spend 30 minutes on Part B.
- You should plan your essay before starting to write it.

Question 7

"Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind." (Einstein) Discuss [30]

Question 8

'There is no value in the study of Religious Education at school.' Discuss [30]

Question 9

'The world would be a more peaceful place if everyone shared the same religion.' Discuss [30]

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