ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Please read this information carefully **before** the examination starts.

- This examination is 1 hour long.
- Answer **two** questions, one from Section 1 and one from Section 2.
- All questions carry a **total** of 25 marks each.
- Remember to write your name, the section number and question number on **every** sheet of paper used.
- Writing and presentation are important.

DO NOT WRITE ON THE QUESTION PAPER. ANSWERS AND ROUGH NOTES TO BE WRITTEN ON A4 PAPER.

SECTION 1: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Answer one question from a choice of 6, [both parts, a) and b)]

1. a) (i) Explain how prejudice leads to discrimination.
(ii) Why do Christians believe that prejudice is wrong? **(10 marks)**

b) *"Getting rid of discrimination will create a more equal world."*

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about **more than one point of view**. **(15 marks)**

2. a) Outline and explain **two** of the major causes of poverty in the developing nations. **(10 marks)**

b) What do you think **an individual person** can do to help the developing nations and why should a *Christian consider this an important responsibility? **(15 marks)**

**(For "Christian" you may substitute Buddhist, Hindu, Moslem, Sikh or Jew, but make sure that you refer to relevant religious teachings to support your answer.)*

3. a) Outline the work of either Dr Cicely Saunders and the Hospice Movement

OR

Mother's Teresa's work for the sick and dying in Calcutta.

(10 marks)

b) *"Killing someone else, even if they are terminally ill, is still murder."*

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have thought about **more than one point of view**.

(15 marks)

4. a) Describe and explain how Martin Luther King and one other individual stood up for their beliefs.

b) *"People should always be guided by their conscience, no matter how difficult it is."*
Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have thought about **more than one point of view**.

(15 marks)

SECTION 2: OLD TESTAMENT, NEW TESTAMENT & WORLD RELIGIONS

Answer one question [all parts]

OLD TESTAMENT

7. The Ten Commandments

- *Do not use my name for evil purposes*
- *Do not commit murder*
- *Do not commit adultery*

a) Write out **five** more commandments. **(5 marks)**

b) Choose **three** of the Ten Commandments **but not** any of those printed above and explain their **full** meaning. **(10 marks)**

c) *"The Ten Commandments are the basic rules for a civilised society."*

Do you agree with this statement?
Give reasons for your answer showing that you have thought about **more than one viewpoint**. **(10 marks)**

8. The Nature of Man and the Fall (The Story of Adam and Eve)

a) Describe the events that happened after this point:

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made." (Genesis 3 v 1)

Up to this point:
"So the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you, above all the livestock and all the wild animals!'"
(5 marks)

b) Explain why God did not want Adam and Eve to eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. How did he want them to behave in his Creation? **(10 marks)**

c) *Do you think that the story of Adam and Eve can fully explain why there is evil in the world today?*
Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about **more than one point of view**. **(10 marks)**

9. **Solomon's Wisdom**

a) *One day two women came in front of King Solomon. They both claimed to be the mother of a baby.*

Describe how King Solomon came to a decision in this case. **(5 marks)**

b) Explain the reasoning behind King Solomon's decision. Do you think his decision was wise? **(10 marks)**

c) *"In today's world, wisdom is the most valuable thing."*

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about **more than one point of view**. **(10 marks)**

NEW TESTAMENT

10. Miracles of Healing: The Paralysed Man (Mark 2: 1-12)

"A few days later Jesus went back to Capernaum and the news spread that he was at home, so many came together that there was no room left, not even out in front of the door . . ."

a) Write out, in as much detail as you can, what happened next. **(5 marks)**

b) Explain why Mark tells this story. **(10 marks)**

c) *"In the 21st century, miracles cannot happen."*

Do you agree with this statement: Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about **more than one point of view**. **(10 marks)**

11. On being a follower of Jesus: The Rich Young Man (Mark 10: 17-22)

"Good teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?"

a) Outline in detail the conversation which followed between Jesus and the Rich Young Man. **(5 marks)**

b) What were the Rich Young Man's priorities in life and why could he not become a disciple of Jesus? Why do you think Jesus responded as he did? **(10 marks)**

c) *"For Christians to be true followers of Jesus, they must give everything to the poor."*
Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about **more than one point of view**. **(10 marks)**

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12. **Who was Jesus?**

. . . Peter replied: "You are the Messiah."

a) Write out as accurately as you can what happened and what was said **before** and **after** Peter made this declaration.
(5 marks)

b) Explain what Jesus wanted his disciples to keep secret and why. What other events occurred to show the disciples who Jesus was?
(10 marks)

c) "Peter was the only disciple who knew the true identity of Jesus."

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer, showing you have thought about **more than one point of view**.
(10 marks)

WORLD RELIGIONS

13. Select **one** of the founders from the list below:

The Buddha Guru Nanak Muhammad

a) Describe the main events in the life of your chosen founder. **(5 marks)**

b) Explain the significance of these events and why you think he became highly regarded by followers of that religion as the one who knew the truth. **(10 marks)**

c) *"The best role models for the 21st century are the founders of the main world religions."*

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about **more than one point of view**. **(10 marks)**

14. *Choose any of the main world religions,* ***except Christianity.***

a) Describe the sacred book of your chosen religion. and some of that religion's ideas about God. **(5 marks)**

b) Explain the main teachings of your chosen religion [that you have not covered in (a)], including their teachings about right and wrong and the best way to live. How will these teachings affect the lifestyle of a follower of the religion? **(10 marks)**

c) *"All religions are based on the same ideas. There's only one God – different cultures worship him in different ways.*

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about **more than one point of view**.
(10 marks)

15. **The Roman Catholic Tradition**

a) Describe what happens at Mass as accurately as you can. **(5 marks)**

b) Explain the way in which the **Mass** may be described as a sacrifice.
(10 marks)

c) *"Worshipping God at Mass is more important than helping those in need."*

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about **more than one point of view**.
(10 marks)