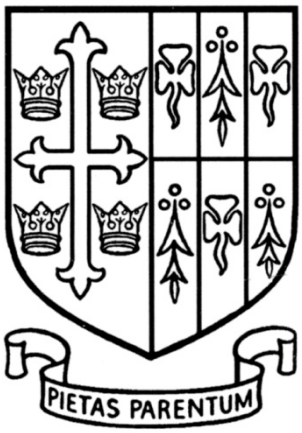
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13+ SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION
2013

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

1 hour

Instructions:

Answer **three** questions – **two** from Part A and **one** from Part B

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on Part A, and 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)).
- You may **not** answer two questions from the same section.
- Spend 30 minutes on Part A.

Section 1 (Old Testament)

Question 1

a. Describe the differences between the two Creation stories found in the book of Genesis. [8]

b. 'Dominion gives us the right to treat nature as we please.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 2

a. Explain the account of the Flood (Genesis 6-9). [8]

b. 'The message of the Flood is one of peace.' 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. Explain three of Jesus' miracles. [8]

b. 'Miracles are essential to thinking of Jesus as the Son of God.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 4

a. Describe the temptations faced by Jesus during his 40 days in the wilderness. [8]

b. 'Easter is the most important Christian festival.' 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 mean by 'reincarnation'. [8]

b. 'We should aim at liberation from the cycle of life and death.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 6

a. Outline the important events in Muhammad's life. [8]

b. 'Hajj is the most important of the five pillars for Muslims.' 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.

Question 7

'Science explains how, religion explains why.' Discuss [30]

Question 8

'Religion is the cause only of conflict.' Discuss [30]

Question 9

'Actions speak louder than words.' Discuss [30]