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OXFORD

13+ SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION
2014

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 main themes of the Book of Exodus. [8]

b. 'If God had not given the moral law to Moses, we would not know the difference between right and wrong.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 2

a. Describe the events surrounding Abraham's near sacrifice of Isaac. [8]

b. 'Obedience to God is the message of the near sacrifice of Isaac.' 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 the significance of the crucifixion. [8]

b. 'Jesus' death is the most important aspect of his life.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 4

a. Describe the events leading up to the virgin birth, and the significance of the virgin birth. [8]

b. 'Christmas 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 the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism. [8]

b. 'Life is full of suffering.' Do you agree? Support your answer with reasons, and show that you have considered alternative points of view. [7]

Question 6

a. Explain what happens during the Hajj. [8]

b. 'Zakat 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

'War is never justified.' Discuss [30]

Question 8

'It is impossible to discover if a religion is true.' Discuss [30]

Question 9

'Care for the environment is the most important ethical issue that we face today.' Discuss [30]

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