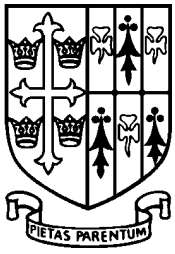
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13+ SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

For entry in
September 2015

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Time: 1 hour

Candidates Name: ……

Instructions to Candidates

- 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)).
- 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 the environment 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 God's disappointment.' 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 not 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 or Buddhists 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 four most important events in Muhammad's life. [8]

b. 'Sawm 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

'The idea of a religious scientist is a contradiction.' Discuss [30]

Question 8

'Religion is the best way to resolve conflict.' Discuss [30]

Question 9

'There are no truths in religion.' Discuss [30]