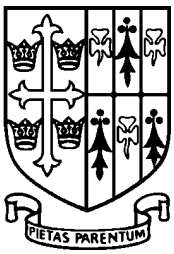
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13+ SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

For entry in
September 2016

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)).
- Spend 30 minutes on Part A.

Section 1 (Old Testament)

Question 1

a. Describe the Fall, and explain its significance for Christians. [8]

b. 'Stewardship is incompatible with dominion.' 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 King David's life, and explain his importance in Christianity. [8]

b. 'The Old Testament Prophets are central to Christianity.' 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 surrounding the resurrection, 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 mean by 'reincarnation'. [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. Outline each of the Five Pillars of Islam. [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

'There is no contradiction between science and religion.' Discuss [30]

Question 8

'Religious Education is the most important subject to study at school.' Discuss [30]

Question 9

'All religions are just different ways of thinking about the same spiritual reality.' Discuss [30]

End of paper